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Kremlin seeks to show unity to West's leaders

- **The Soviet Central Committee meets in emergency session today to choose a successor to the late President Yuri Andropov**
- **After meeting Mrs Margaret Thatcher, US Vice-President Bush politely dismissed suggestions that Britain could help bring East and West together**
- **At tomorrow's Red Square funeral, Britain will be represented by the Prime Minister, as well as Sir Geoffrey Howe, Mr Denis Healey, Mr David Steele and Dr David Owen**
- **Washington played down speculation about an early summit between President Reagan and the new Soviet leader (Page 7)**

From Richard Owen, Moscow

As foreign leaders arrive in Moscow today for the funeral tomorrow of President Andropov, the Communist Party's Central Committee is to meet in an emergency session to consider the question of his successor.

The post-andropov leadership is reported to be anxious to present a united front to Vice-President Bush, Mrs Thatcher, Chancellor Kohl and other Western leaders. The state funeral on Red Square will be followed by a reception at which the Politburo will present.

Few of the Kremlin leaders have extensive experience of foreign affairs and the West except Mr Andrei Gromyko, the veteran Foreign Minister. Mr Konstantin Chernenko, widely seen as possible interim leader, specializes in party administration, ideology and education.

Informed sources here said yesterday that Mr Chernenko, who is 72, might act as leader even if the Central Committee were unable to agree on a new general-secretary.

The Politburo met in emergency session on Friday, but it is not known what decision it came to. The 300-strong Central Committee would not normally have a decisive say in the choice of leader unless the Politburo was divided.

Mr Chernenko, the most senior Kremlin leader after President Andropov, has been acting head of the Politburo for some time. He was appointed head of the funeral commission on Friday, normally a sign of possible promotion. He was supported by some Party *apparatchiks* even after losing the power struggle to Mr Andropov in 1982, but opposed by those who want a younger and more dynamic leader.

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There are suggestions that if Mr Chernenko misses his second chance, another veteran, such as Marshal Ustinov or Mr Gromyko could step in.

A sign that the old guard is in command came on Saturday as the Politburo filed past Mr Andropov's body lying in state in the Hall of Columns. Television coverage suggested that the older leaders represented power and continuity, as well as paying respects to one of their generation.

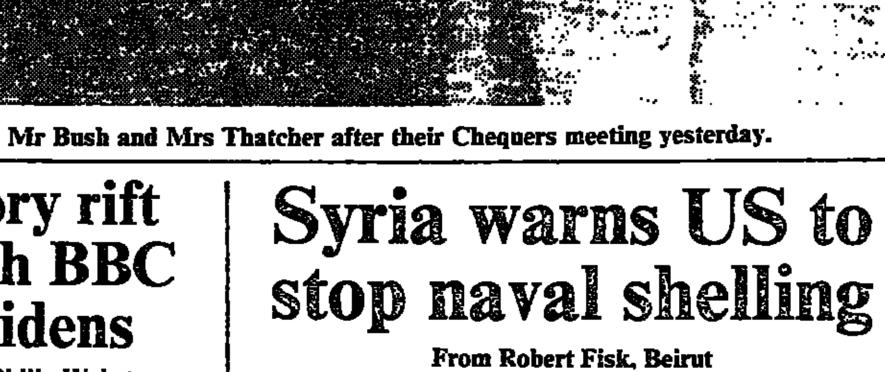
Younger contenders, such as Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, Mr Grigory Romanov, Mr Geidar Aliyev and Mr Vitaly Vorotnikov, were pushed to one side, although *Pravda* yesterday published a wide-angle photograph which placed Mr Gorbachov, aged 52, firmly in the middle. The only Politburo member missing was Mr Vladimir Shcherbitsky, the Ukrainian party leader.

The lying in state gave viewers their first glimpse of Mrs Tatyana Andropov, the President's widow, who was seen receiving condolences from Mr Chernenko, Marshall Ustinov and younger Andopov protegees, such as Mr Gorbachov and Mr Vorotnikov. A remote and secretive man, Mr Andropov had, while alive, kept his family in the background, and there were rumours that Mrs Andropov was either dead or seperated from him.

Also present were Mr Andropov's daughter, Irina, a journalist and musicologist, and his son Igor, a career diplomat and delegate to the Stockholm conference. In a rare display of public grief the son broke down and had to be comforted by his father's Politburo colleagues.

Pravda, published with black borders, carried tributes to Mr Andropov from party organs,

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Mr Bush and Mrs Thatcher after their Chequers meeting yesterday.

GCHQ ex-chief joined Plessey

By Barrie Clement
Labour Reporter

Sir Brian Tovey, former head of the Government Communications Headquarters and architect of the union ban, is now employed by a company attempting to recruit personnel from the complex.

Sir Brian, aged 58, joined Plessey, the British electronics group, as a full-time consultant on security matters last November, three months after leaving GCHQ.

In an advertisement in a local newspaper, the company urges professionals with skills used at the centre to join them: "Work at the leading edge of technology, but not on a knife edge. It is difficult to feel dedicated when the prospects are clouded." Both Plessey and Marconi have arranged recruiting sessions at local hotels this week.

Trade unionists feel that Plessey and other companies are attempting to profit from the uncertainty created by the ban on unions at the centre to attract specialist staff.

Mr Alistair Graham, general secretary of the Civil and Public Services Association, said last night: "Sir Brian Tovey, as the architect of the current dispute has a brass neck to be associated with a firm which is seeking to take advantage of the dispute in a way that could be potentially more damaging to national security than anything the trade unions have done.

"It seems as if the Government has been aiming at the wrong target. It should have banned Sir Brian Tovey and Plessey from Cheltenham rather than the trade unions if it is genuinely interested in safeguarding national security."

Mr Graham said that there was potentially a "very serious conflict of interest". He added: "Sir Brian can identify marketable skills at GCHQ and point Plessey in the right direction. It they are successful it could seriously undermine GCHQ."

Plessey denied last night that Sir Brian had anything to do with recruitment from the Cheltenham station. A spokesman said: "Any suggestion that Sir Brian was in any way involved or interested in recruiting people from GCHQ is out of the question."

Mr Parry Rogers, director of personnel for the group, said that the company was not attempting to profit from the union ban at the complex and its recruitment campaign was not specifically aimed at Cheltenham.

The company regards Sir Brian's appointment as "a great coup". It had been in competition with other companies. One of his predecessors, Sir Leonard Hooper, who was director between 1965 and 1972, went to work for Racal. It has long been considered a "perk" of working at the centre that highly paid jobs could be available on retirement.

Sellafield process criticized

Two inquiry reports into the contamination of beaches around the Sellafield nuclear plant last November are believed to have criticized the procedures for removing radioactive refuse. The plant's own internal inquiry admits error, but says such accidents cannot be allowed to happen again

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Spain is skiers' best bargain

Skiers get the best winter sports holiday bargains in Spain, according to a survey of nine destinations. Aviemore, in the Cairngorms, is considered a good buy and Switzerland remains the dearest destination

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Out of tune

The eight Democratic candidates for the presidential nomination attacked each other as vehemently as they attacked President Reagan, in a TV debate in Des Moines, Iowa

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65 hurt at party

Sixty-five people were injured, one critically, when a floor collapsed at a party attended by 200 teenagers in east London

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Clash on sect

A parliamentary clash is expected after the Ministry of Defence failed to warn British speakers that a nuclear debate was sponsored by the Unification Church, The "Moonies"

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Airbus decision

A decision on £437m of government aid for the launch of the A320 Airbus is expected this week to enable British Aerospace's continued participation in the project Page 15

Veto may go

The national veto on EEC decisions may end if the European Parliament has its way. It is expected tomorrow to approve a draft treaty which would also increase its own power Page 4

Writer dies

Julio Cortázar, the Argentine-born author considered one of the greatest contemporary Latin American writers, died in Paris yesterday of cancer at the age of 69

5-goal United

Manchester United moved into third place in the Football League after beating Luton Town 5-0 at Luton. Robson (2), Whiteside (2) and Stapleton scored the goals Page 19

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Bush rejects Britain as 'peace broker'

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Suggestions that Britain could play a leading role in bringing East and West together again were politely but firmly dismissed by Mr George Bush, the United States Vice-President, in London yesterday.

Speaking after lengthy overnight talks at Chequers, where he and Mrs Margaret Thatcher discussed their forthcoming visit to Moscow for the funeral of President Andropov, he said that the Prime Minister had a "very high standing" among the American people. Her visit to Hungary had been "extraordinarily interesting" and she certainly had a useful part to play.

"But I do not want to leave the impression that I feel the whole United States-Soviet relationship can be brokered or solved by an intermediary. That has to be by contact between the United States and the Soviet Union themselves", he said.

He declined to disclose what he was taking "in his pocket" to Moscow. But the clear inference was that specific proposals were not among them. His mission was more to outline the "basic context" in which negotiations could take place, and not just on arms control.

He was similarly reluctant to be drawn on the possibilities of a summit between President Reagan and the new Soviet leader in the Spring. The President was certainly willing, but one had to understand that in the Soviet system there was no one individual "calling the shots".

Mr Bush did not think Mr Reagan was losing an opportunity by not himself attending the funeral. The substance was more important than the form, and the substance was that he would be going and making clear to the Soviet leaders Washington's desire for improved relations. He was delighted that Mrs Thatcher would be going with him.

He underlined that we were at a turning point in East-West relations and the President shared his desire for peace.

On the Middle East, Mr Bush said that the United States and Britain were "marching pretty much to the same drummer," but while denying any serious disagreement, he admitted that there had been misunderstandings over shelling of Muslim positions in Beirut by the American Navy.

"Our response has not been indiscriminate. It has not been shelling for the sake of shelling. But if the American Embassy has been hit by shelling our forces are going to fire back. No

Sir Geoffrey Howe and Mr Heseltine: took part in the talks

country should be asked to sit back and see its ambassador's residence shelled.

"We are not trying to seek any escalation. We are saying, 'Please do not fire on innocent civilians and population centres in Lebanon' ".

Mrs Thatcher was accompanied by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr Michael Heseltine, the Defence Secretary, for part of the talks with the Vice-President and his party.

Mr Bush left for Luxembourg last night and will fly from there to Moscow for Mr Andropov's funeral. He will then resume his European tour by visiting Rome and Paris

Thatcher flies today to Moscow

By Philip Webster
Political Reporter

The Prime Minister will fly to Moscow this afternoon for President Andropov's funeral intending in any talks with his successor to stress her personal commitment to better relations between East and West, and to call for a resumption of the stalled arms control negotiations.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher will be accompanied by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary. On the same aircraft, at her invitation, will be Mr Denis Healey, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, and Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democrats.

Mr Healey is representing the Labour Party because Mr Neil Kinnock, the party leader, is on a visit to the United States. He is expected to meet President Reagan and other members of the American Administration tomorrow and intends to pay his personal respects to Mr Andropov by signing the book of condolences at the Soviet Embassy in Washington.

Mr Steel has recently returned from a visit to Moscow. Dr Owen was there in October 1977, when he was Foreign Secretary.

Mrs Thatcher's decision to go to Moscow – despite that of Mr Reagan to stay away – and to take a high level all-party delegation with her is intended to signal to the new leadership her determination to seek improved dialogue, building on the success of her trip to Hungary just over a week ago.

It was also seen as a further sign of her wish to play a more prominent role in foreign affairs. At President Brezhnev's funeral she was happy for the Government to be represented by Mr Francis Pym, then Foreign Secretary.

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Tory rift with BBC widens

By Philip Webster
Political Reporter

The Conservative Party's uneasy relationship with the BBC deteriorated sharply yesterday when Mr John Selwyn Gummer, the party chairman, said that the *Panorama* television programme on alleged links between Conservative MPs and extreme right wing groups contained smears and innuendoes and used undemocratic techniques.

Mr Gummer said that the porgramme, shown on January 30, contained "outrageous statements. . . guilt be association and McCarthyite comment." He gave a warning that "Very serious action" would have to be taken.

Mr Gummer and Mr John Wakeham, the Government chief whip, are to meet the BBC director-general, Mr Alasdair Milne probably today, to protest about the programme.

Five Conservative MPs who were named in the programme, Mr Harvey Proctor (Billericay), Mr Roger Moate (Faversham), Mr Gerald Howarth (Cannock and Burntwood), Mr Neil Hamilton (Tatton) and Mr Warren Hawksley (The Wrekin), have issued writs against the BBC.

Mr Howarth and Mr Hamilton have also issued writs against Mr Phil Pedley, chairman of the Young Conservatives, for remarks he made in the programme.

That has caused embarrassment among party chiefs. It is understood that Mr Gummer has seen the MPs in an attempt to persuade them to drop the writs against Mr Pedley.

Mr Gummer's remarks, yesterday to the 1,800 delegates at the Young Conservatives' national conference in Blackpool, provoked a political controversy last night.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, the Shadow Home Secretary, asked whether Mr Gummer's statement about "very serious action" meant that the Government was going to use the next application for a licence fee increase as a bludgeon to blackmail the BBC to stay in line.

He called Mr Gummer a "political pipsqueak".

The BBC said last night that it could not comment on Mr Gummer's criticisms because of impending legal action.

Syria warns US to stop naval shelling

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

The Americans by last night had taken one-third of their entire 1,500-strong Marine force out of Beirut and were withdrawing from several of their advanced positions around the international airport. But their declared determination to support what is left of President Gemayel's regime was further threatened yesterday by a Syrian warning that it would "no longer tolerate" any naval bombardments in Lebanon by warships of the US Sixth Fleet.

So concerned are the Americans that they may be attacked in the closing stages of their withdrawal that they have even stocked a set of small anti-aircraft missiles on a rooftop beside the British Embassy on the Beirut seafront for fear that a suicide bomber might crash an aircraft into the building where many US diplomats still work.

Western military, Phalangist and Israeli sources were all alleging over the weekend that up to 1,000 Palestinian guerrillas had returned to west Beirut during the past week of fighting.

The claim is a highly dubious one and no evidence of such a force has been found, but Muslim militias in the western sector of the capital are becoming concerned that this might be used as an excuse for a further barrage of shells on their area of the city by Christian units of the Lebanese Army or even an air raid by Israeli jets.

There was, however, no doubting the seriousness of Syria's warning yesterday. Speaking at a press conference in Damascus, Mr Farouk Al-Sharaa, the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, said that Syria had exercised self-restraint after the naval bombardment of Druze and Syrian-held territory in Lebanon last week. "This cannot go on forever and our self-restraint has limits," he said.

According to Mr Al-Sharaa, the American Ambassador in Damascus had heard some "strong words" from President Assad following the New Jersey's barrage of 250 half-ton shells.

The front line around west Beirut was opened by French troops yesterday for a Red Cross convoy carrying flour, blankets, tinned fish and soya-bean oil to travel from the east of the city into the besieged Muslim sector but at other points around the perimeter sniping continued between Lebanese Government troops and Muslim militias.

About one-third of the army is now estimated to have either defected or refused to go into combat against the militias but the Christian Phalange are now fighting with Lebanese soldiers in at least two ares of the line, with Phalange militiamen and Government troops manning the same position together.

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Art faker Keating dies at 66

Tom Keating, the picture faker who fooled the art world with his imitations of great painters, died peacefully in hospital yesterday, aged 66.

He had had a heart condition for several years and recently told friends he knew he did not have long to live.

Mr Keating, admitted faking pictures by the landscape artist, Samuel Palmer, and was tried at the Central Criminal Court five years ago but conspiracy, false representation and deception charges were dropped because of his health.

The Channel 4 series, *Tom Keating on Impressionism*, will begin as planned tomorrow.

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Defeated NUM candidate questions poll

By Our Labour Reporter

The defeated right-wing candidate in the election for a general secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers last month has given the executive a mid-week deadline to explain alleged poll irregularities.

Mr John Walsh said yesterday that he was considering High Court action against his union if there was no satisfactory explanation.

Mr Walsh, who lost by 3,615 votes to Mr Peter Heathfield, a left-winger, says he has received no reply to protest letters

He has demanded to know why figures for unused ballot papers have not been issued and why there was an abnormally high percentage of spoilt papers.

He also claims that more than 1,600 miners in his home territory of North Yorkshire could not vote because polling stations closed early.

Torvill and Dean stay ahead in Sarajevo

From David Miller
Sarajevo

Christopher Dean and Jayne Torvill, three times world ice dance champions, maintained their challenge for the Olympic title in Sarajevo yesterday. Princess Anne, president of the British Olympic Association, was among the spectators

With yet another theatrical performance of the evocative Paso Doble, choreographed by Dean, in which Miss Torvill portrays the matador's cape, the British couple convincingly sustained their lead ahead of Soviet and American rivals.

But if they should come second to Natalya Bestemianova and Andrei Bukin of the Soviet Union in tomorrow's final free dance, they could still lose.

Yesterday they received four perfect marks of six from the nine judges, after three for the compulsory dances, even though Miss Torvill once touched the ice with her hand during a horizontal spin, right in front of the judges. Courtney Jones, the British judge, gave 5.9 for both composition and interpretation.

Dean later apologized to Michael Siebert of the United States for a distraction at the rinkside, when a British skating official unthinkingly decided to take the British pair immediately after their marking to where Princess Anne was seated.

Dozens of cameramen crowded round, distracting spectators just as the US pair started to dance, although Siebert told Dean that neither he nor Judy Blumberg noticed the commotion.

The alpine skiing events, postponed by a continual snowfall, have been rescheduled: both runs on the women's giant slalom will be held today and both of the men's giant slalom tomorrow, with the two downhill events towards the end of the week

Marja Liisa Hamalainen of Finland became the first double gold medal winner when she added the five-kilometre Nordic cross-country to her victory in the 10-kilometre race.

All three medals in the women's singles luge went to East Germany.

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Princess Anne greeting Christopher Dean and Jayne Torvill in Sarajevo yesterday.

Sellafield inquiry reports criticize process of moving radioactive refuse

By Ronald Faux

Three reports into the accident last November which contaminated beaches around the Sellafield nuclear reprocessing plant in Cumbria with radioactive pollution are expected next week.

Two, from the Nuclear Installations inspectorate and the Radiochemcial Inspectorate of the Department of the Environment, are thought to be critical of the procedures for discharging radioactive waste that were in force at the time and which allowed radioactive solvents and crud to be released into the Irish Sea.

The operator of the plant, British Nuclear Fuels Limited, was unaware that the crud had reached an advanced stage of the discharge system until alarms were automatically triggered.

The management took countermeasures, diverting most of the crud and purex solvent to an alternative tank, but some did reach the open sea where an onshore breeze swept a surface film of solvent on to the beach. Points along a 25-mile stretch of coast were contaminated.

BNFL calculates that 1,000 curies of beatgamma activity were released. According to government regulations the plant is allowed to discharge 300,000 curies of such activity into the sea a year.

In its own report, expected next week, BNFL admits its error but points out that the plant does not discharge more than 30 per cent of the radioactive material which it is licensed by government to discharge.

But within those overall safe limits lies the Alara (as low as reasonably achievable) standard set by the Radioactive Substance Act, 1960. That makes BNFL vulnerable to prosecution in case of accidental discharge even though the safe limits have not been breached.

The Director of Public Prosecutions has ordered an investigation by Cumbria police into the accident and charges will be brought against BNFL if necessary.

The company believes that any serious breaches that the two government inquiries are likely to pinpoint have already been repaired. The highly radioactive crud is isolated from the sea tanks in the disharge system. A number of changes in engineering and record-keeping procedures has been made to tighten the system in line with th preliminary findings of the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate, which was called in after the accident.

It is expected that the BNFL report will not lay blame upon any one individual. No disciplinary action is to be taken within the company but the management is likely to be reminded that such accidents cannot be allowed to happen again.

The report is also expected to point out that a new approach is needed to improve public confidence in the Sellafield plant which has received bruising publicity in recent months.

The impact of this was reflected last week in Cumbria County Council's decision not to use silt dredge from Maryport harbour as topsoil for a reclamation scheme in Workington.

A report by a scientist from Edinburgh University has suggested that the silt in the harbour contains significant amounts of radioactivity. The council decided not to use the silt despite assurances fom the radiological protection board and the environmental advisory group at Liverpool University that there was no risk to public health.

Go-ahead for computer HQ

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, has decided to allow a £2m computer company headquarters to be built in the grounds of Thorpe Hall, a seventeenth century house on the outskirts of Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.

At a public inquiry last year into the plan main opposition came from the Peterborough Society, a conservation body, which believes that the two-storey offices will dwarf the hall and destroy its setting.

Dragon dancers: A traditional dragon, one of the attractions in a Chinese new year festival in west London yesterday, rearing up as the procession meanders through Queensway (Photograph: Chris Harris).

TUC moves towards deal over party levy

By Barrie Clement
Labour Reporter

The TUC is moving towards a deal with the Government over the political levy paid by trade unionists to the Labour Party.

Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, and Mr William Keys, chairman of its employment committee, have been holding confidential talks with Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment, in an effort to thrash out a compromise.

Members of unions affiliated to the Labour Party now have to "contract out" of paying the levy if they wish to do so. Mr King wanted to introduce legislation which would mean that members would "contract in" if they wanted to contribute to party funds.

Under the deal reached in three months of talks, the TUC would introduce its own code to make it easier for trade unionists to opt out.

The formula will be put to the TUC's key employment committee on Wednesday, which might call for further discussions, and to the general council a week later.

Mr Keys said yesterday that he was confident that if Mr King could win the Cabinet's endorsement, the TUC would accept the settlement but he would not give any details about the proposed code.

He confirmed, however, that Mr King was adamant about his Bill, now going through the committee stages in the Commons, would contain a clause obligating unions to hold regular ballots on whether to retaining a political fund.

A document prepared or the employment committee also makes it clear that Mr King will make no *substantial* concessions on other parts of the Bill hich make compulsory ballots for executive elections and before strikes.

It is thought that the provisional formula agreed by Mr King would mean that the TUC would undertake to investigate any difficulty a union member might have in attempting to "contract out", a function now fulfilled largely by the certification officer.

Mr King's concession is considered by unions to be a response to criticism that the Conservative Party receives funds from private companies whose customers have no opportunity to "contract out".

Rift over earnings threatens farm union leadership

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Increasing tensions and dissatisfaction within the farming community will surface at the annual general meeting of the National Farmers' Union, which begins in Kensington tomorrow and is expected to be the stormiest for many years.

There are likely to be some changes in the leadership, and even Sir Richard Butler, who is standing unopposed for the presidency, is not certain to receive the 80 per cent of council votes needed for automatic reelection.

Tired of being portrayed as people who have prospered during the recession, and of being blamed for extravagances of the EEC common agricultural policy, many farmers are nostalgic for the golden age of the early 1970's when, under the jovial, extrovert presidency of Sir Henry Plumb, now leader of the Conservatives in the European Parliament, the NFU was a thriving political force, with powerful friends in Cabinet.

Now they see themselves as misunderstood and discredited. Sir Richard is seen as a leader who has failed to prevent a rift between the union's grain and livestock sectors and a disasterous decline in farmers' political influence and public reputation.

Complaints that the NFU leadership is dominated by large arable interests have been strengthened by the disclosure that incomes of grain growers have doubled in real terms since 1977.

Meanwhile, dairy farmers, who have achieved comparable productivity gains, have seen their earnings fall by a third.

The fact that the public has been encouraged by conservationist groups to regard farmers as greedy and destructive has strengthened feelings of beleagurement. Producers struggling to meet interest payments on bank debts are said to be cushioned by subsidies to provide unwanted food, eager to "destroy" the countryside in pursuit of profit, and indifferent to complaints about anti-social activities, such as straw burning.

The farmers' first instinct is to blame the union for their loss of esteem. Unfavourable media coverage is, they say, the fault of those who have failed to present their case with sufficient vigour.

Sir Richard, or any successor, will face a dilemma. He will be required to demand higher support prices and to defend farmers' rights to do as they want with land, and on the other to suggest that farmers' know and care far more about conservation than meddlesome "townies".

Lords may revolt on homes

By David Walker
Social Policy Correspondent

An intensive lobbying campaign begins this week in the House of Lords to persuade Conservative peers to line up against the Government over the sale of council houses.

If successful, the campaign, organized by a formidable coalition of groups representing the elderly, the disabled and rural and religious interests would force the Government to recast an important aspect of its housing policy and also show government whips the likely depth of opposition in the Lords to the controversial Rates Bill which is due there in the spring.

At issue are the clauses of the Housing and Building Control Bill which extend a tenant's right to buy to occupants of flats and bungalows intended by councils for the elderly or physically handicapped.

Although the Bill excludes housing specially built for these groups or superintended by wardens, its opponents say that many thousands of specialist dwellings could eventually go to young and able-bodied people.

The threat of a Lords revolt against the Government is real. Last April Conservative peers defied whips and joined crossbenchers, bishops and opposition peers in defeating parts of an earlier version of the Housing Bill which would have extended the right to buy to tenants of charitable housing associations.

During the coming week peers will be subjected to a campaign led by Age Concern and the Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation.

UDA gets funds to form army

From Richard Ford,
Belfast

A "loyalist" army is being formed, using funds raised from *legitimate businesses* in Northern Ireland, in expectation of open conflict before the end of the decade.

A military wing has been formed by the province's largest paramilitary force, the Ulster Defence Association, which has sent members to Europe and the Middle East in search of advice on terrorism.

Mr Andy Tyrie, the "supreme commander" of the UDA, said that a "well-trained and disciplined army" was needed to defend Ulster and would be ready for action "when the time comes".

He claimed that finances for the force were being raised through a network of legitimate businesses across the province, on a similar basis to the fund-raising operations of the Provisional IRA.

"We have managed to learn a lot from the Republicans and we have learnt a lot from their mistakes", Mr Tyrie said.

Men have been chosen from paramilitary organizations for training during the last two years.

Mr Tyrie said: "Anybody who is going to be involved in the new defence force will be in it for one reason only – the defence of Ulster when the time comes."

He said that some years ago, when the UDA operated on the streets, men who masqueraded as officers had not been capable of doing the job. During reorganization "criminal elements" had been weeded out.

The UDA is the largest Protestant paramilitary organization in Northern Ireland but is not proscribed.

Britain should lead EEC, Heath says

By Philip Webster
Political Reporter

Mr Edward Heath called on the Government yesterday to take a lead in the European Community development in a way that would enable the Community to extend its political influence and recreate its prosperity.

Addressing the Young Conservatives' conference in Blackpool, the former Prime Minister said that leadership was sadly lacking in the Community, and leadership was what the original members hoped Britain would contribute after she joined.

Although Mr Heath agreed that the budget issue should be settled urgently, he said: "Let us not get ourselves bogged down in eternal bickering about the size of Britain's net contribution, a mere fraction of 1 per cent of our national income, while letting the policies from which we stand to gain so much go by default." There was more to Europe than the budget, he said.

Mr Heath's remarks were seen as criticism of Mrs Thatcher's handling of negotiations over EEC rebates.

Mr Heath said that the forthcoming European elections were about the future of the Community and should not be about "the trivia" of Europe. Still less should it be an election fought at the lowest common denominator of self-interested nationalism. That is a self-defeating creed that neglects the wider and longer-term interests of our nation."

He said that the European elections should be about the creation of truly integrated home market within the Community. One of the themes should be the creation of a European industrial policy; the Community's population was greater than that of the United States and the gross domestic product was larger.

Mr Heath left his audience in no doubt that his hopes from the Community were far more ambitious than the Government's more limited aspirations. He called for the harmonization of national standards to produce a "genuine free common market," to give industry a new impetus.

Mr Heath: "Genuine free market needed"

● Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, in a speech which was seen as being aimed at entrenching his position on the party's liberal wing, said on Saturday that the party must have a caring role.

Urging it to reject right-wing dogma, Mr Heseltine said that the party's free market beliefs must be combined with concern for those who had suffered from "the economic blizzard of world recession".

"At the heart of Conservatism there lies the balance that sets concern alongside opportunity. For our party to care is not to assume an attitude of charity – it is to adopt a feeling of community."

Mr Heseltine said that with power went responsibility. "Self-help is a cynical slogan if one forgets the helpless."

● The conference yesterday overwhelmingly rejected a call for the Government to legalize possession of cannabis

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Top names back poll candidates

By Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

The Chesterfield by-election campaign will be formally launched by leading personalities from all thee main parties today.

Dr David Owen, the Social Democratic Party leader, will be first, with a visit to the Derbyshire town to support the Liberal-Alliance challenger, Mr Max Payne.

Next Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary will speak for Mr Nicholas Bourne, the Conservative.

Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, will then appear at a campaign press conference to support Mr Tony Benn.

Chesterfield looks likely to become a political punchbag during the next three weeks. Mr Peter Walker, Minister of Agriculture, is due tomorrow, and Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, Mr Denis, Healey, Labours foreign affairs spokesman, and Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, will all visit Chesterfield.

The Alliance hopes to expolit Mr Benn's reputation as a controvertial left-winger to snatch the Labour stronghold.

The Conservatives want to maintain their vote

The big test, however, is for Labour's Kinnock-Hattersley leadership. By throwing their weight behind Mr Benn they hope to show that Labour's new unity image has overcome previous Bennite divisions.

General election: E. G. Varley (Lab) 23,881; N. Bourne (C) 16,118; M. Payne (L. All) 9,705. Labour majority: 7,763.

Council challenge on civil defence rules

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Government regulations requiring local authorities to prepare civil defence have run into trouble. Councils opposing the regulations say that unless the Government makes clear its assumption for attack, proper plans to deal with it cannot be prepared.

Nuclear free zone authorities are making a series of demands for information from the Government including:–

● Likely targets and the scale and nature of attack in each of their areas.

● The effects of such attacks.

● The likely effect of problems caused outside the areas.

The demands were agreed by 220 representatives of 88 authorities at a meeting last month. More than 150 authjorities belong to the nuclear free movement.

The conference accepted counsel's opinion that to make plans effectively it is necessary to have planning assumptions. But they acknowledge the supremacy of Parliament and recognize that the regulations are law under the Civil Defence Act 1948, an official of the Nuclear Free Zone steering committee secretariat said.

Brent Borough Council, in north London, has decided to spend no money on civil defence but to keep some as a contingency to meet the council's statutory obligations should that be necessary.

The council's decision was taken after a report by the chief executive, Mr Michael Bichard, giving a warning that the council's legal position had been changed by the regulations; the Government can now require councils to comply with their statutory responsibilities.

Engineering 'depressed'

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

Britain's infrastructure, such as roads and sewerage, continues to decline because of lack of government investment, the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors says in its latest workload survey, published today.

The federation says that the picture remains depressing, although larger companies are more optimistic than six months ago.

Order books show a slight improvement on the low ebb reached in the last survey, but that is largely due to the recent upturn in orders for larger companies, for which a few expensive contracts could distort the overall picture.

Of the 233 firms surveyed, "an alarming" 15 per cent reported no civil engineering work orders, while the general level remains very low.

There is a slight improvement in employment since the last survey three months ago, led by the larger businesses.

The vast majority of companies expect orders for new work and repair and maintenance to decline during this year.

Greenham 'only base for cruise'

The Ministry of Defence last night denied that cruise missiles have been deployed in Britain at bases other than Greenham Common, in Berkshire. The denial came after peace campers at the Lakenheath base, in Suffolk, claimed that the missiles had been delivered there before Christmas.

Peace women at Greenham Common have been questioning whether cruise missiles are stored there, pointing to what they claim is lax security, which has enabled many of them to enter the base undetected.

Charity's appeal on spectacles

National Health Service spectacles should continue to be available to all elderly people, despite the Government's plans to end opticians' monopoly in the supply of glasses, Age Concern said yesterday.

In a letter to Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, the charity said that it feared older people may have fewer eye tests or none at all because of plans to restrict NHS glasses to school children and the poor.

Parachutist's death fall

A parachutist fell 5,000ft to his death yesterday when his parachute failed to open, at Strathallan Airfield near Perth.

Mr Albert Wheeler, aged 27, a self-employed motor mechanic, of Allan Drive, Deanfields, Renfrew, was a member of the Scottish Parachute Club, and exercised most weekends.

Police said after he jumped from the aircraft at 5,000ft his parachute appeared to malfunction.

Kingsley to play Silas Marner

Ben Kingsley, who won international acclaim for his portrayal of Gandhi, is to take the title role in *Silas Marner*, BBC television's forthcoming adaptation of the George Eliot novel.

The 90-minute film goes into production at the end of this month. Mr Kingsley said yesterday: "For my role as Gandhi I learnt to spin cotton."

Overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 29; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 150; Cyprus 550 mils; Denmark Dkr 8.50; Finland Mkk 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.40; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 38; Madeira Esc 125; Morocco Dir 8.00; Norway Kr 7.50; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 125; Singapore $5.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 8.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 0.700; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 100

New calls for women's health care inquiry

By Nicholas Timmins

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Health, is being asked to request the Equal Opportunities Commission to examine the provision of health care for women and to review the position of women in medicine as he has refused to conduct such an inquiry himself.

Mr Michael Meacher, Labour's social services spokesman, and Ms Jo Richardson, spokesperson on women's rights, have written to Mr Clarke in a campaign stemming partly from the impending closure of the South London Hospital for Women, the last women's general hospital in the National Health Service, and their claim that more women wish to be treated by women doctors.

Police retain papers seized from journalist

Scotland Yard is still holding documents confiscated from Mr Duncan Campbell, the investigative journalist, after he had fallen off his bicycle on Thursday. (Rupert Moris writes). A report may be sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Mr Campbell, speaking with difficulty yesterday as a result of facial cuts sustained in the accident, said: "I had a bicycle accident about which I still have amnesia.

Mr Campbell, who was one of three defendants in the 1978 Official Secrets Act trial over an article about the work of the Government Communications Headquarters at Cheltenham, has since specialized in investigations into the intelligence services

Commentary



Geoffrey Smith

"I will go to Moscow on behalf of the President," Mr George Bush told a small group of journalists in London on Saturday, "saying: 'Look, we are here to tell you that we want to work with whoever you indicate is appropriate and we want to move things forward towards peace and we want to see reduced tension.'"

Time and again throughout his conversation with us the Vice-President returned to this theme. He hoped the emergence of a new leader in the Soviet Union would be a turning-point in East-West relations, and it was Mr Bush's gut feeling that President Reagan would be willing to meet the new Soviet leader sometime this year. The United States is willing. That was the message that the Vice-President was eager to convey with all the insistence at his command.

Whether this rush to parley is the right way to deal with the Soviet Union, it is certainly the right way to deal with public opinion in the West. This is the tune that most people throughout western Europe have been longing to hear for some years. It is also a tune that now falls upon receptive ears in the United States. That Mr Bush, along with the President and other senior officials, should now be rendering it with such force is a reminder that this is an administration which has a particularly sensitive understanding of American opinion in its conduct of foreign policy.

Art of moving back without retreating

This was also evident in Mr Bush's comments on Lebanon. The intentions that emerged were clear, whatever may happen in practice. It is to be a delicate exercise in the art of moving back without calling it a retreat. The key word is redeployment. The transfer of marines from the international airport to ships "should be viewed as a redeployment not as a withdrawal".

It will be accomplished much sooner than many people, including Republican members of Congress, have supposed. "I believe that what will unfold rapidly hereafter", he claimed, "will satisfy not just the political pressures but the desire of the American people to see these people in a more safe environment". The process will be accompanied by a continuation of counter-artillery fire as required, and some marines – though not a large number – will be left behind on the ground in Lebanon to protect the embassy and to engage in what is termed anti-terrorist activity.

In other words, American troops are being removed from exposed positions, but American forces will still be engaged in the conflict – or at least they will still be ready to be engaged. So long as that claim can plausibly be maintained, President Reagan will not be exposed to the charges that the United States has been driven humiliatingly from the field, that he has lost Lebanon or that he had earlier sacrificed the lives of American boys in vain.

Purists, and even members of Congress, may not approve of American ships continuing to shell targets in Lebanon. But I suspect that these objections will seem too fastidious to most people in the United States. They have never been opposed in recent years to an assertion of American power. What they object to is an appearance of American futility, and the loss of American lives to no evident purpose.

An appearance of credibility

The strategy set out by Mr Bush on Saturday should certainly remove American boys from their position as sitting targets, which is the first and overriding political requirement. It may also preserve a degree of American credibility, or at least an appearance of credibility. If the policy manages to get American troops out without a national humiliation for the United States, it should neutralize the most threatening political danger facing the Reagan-Bush reelection campaign.

Political support at home is not itself a sufficient justification for the foreign policy of such a country as the United States. Indeed the dangers of expecting international affairs to meet the requirements of the American electoral timetable are only too well known. But, despite Mr Bush's disclaimer on Saturday, it would be unrealistic to expect an American President not to bear political requirements in mind in an election year.

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Best skiing buy is Spain, with Aviemore good value too, survey shows

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

Skiers get the best winter sports holiday bargains in Spain, both on and off the slopes. But out of nine skiing destinations surveyed by Thomas Cook, Aviemore, in the Cairngorms, also emerges as one of the better buys.

Aviemore is the fourth cheapest destination but if the typical costs of camera film, five postcards and four glasses a day of Glühwein are added, Aviemore is rather cheaper than Mayrhofen in Austria. Aviemore's weekly total would then be £252.53, compared with the Austrian resort's £255.40.

A glass of Glühwein in Aviemore is put at 70p, compared with £1.28 in Mayrhofen. Wine is cheap in France, Spain and Italy. Beer drinkers find the best prices in Aviemore.

A dinner for two is cheapest in Austria, at £8.75, while Les Arcs in France is the most expensive at £19.28. In Chamonix dinner costs £9.22.

The best buy for a week's ski school, is in Austria, at about £30.

Switzerland remains the most expensive skiing destination, with Verbier about 60 per cent dearer than Sol y Nieve in Spain. Price increases recently in Italy have pushed the former skiing bargain basement up the cost scale, bringing its top resorts like Courmayeur more in line with Austria and France.

Mr Andrew Barrett, Thomas Cook's marketing director, said: "Price is not of course everything. Many of the more expensive resorts in the survey offer more facilities and a greater number of ski runs and lifts than the cheaper rivals."

But winter sports holidaymakers are sensitive to value for money, judging from the pattern of this season's bookings, he added.

Spain's share of the ski market is still small, at 4 per cent, although it has grown markedly since last season. Austria should secure rather more than half the market this season. Italy's share is slipping to about 16 per cent of overall bookings, reflecting the recent relative strength of the lira.

It looks as if the ski market will remain static this season at about 180,000 package holidays overall, according to Thomas Cook.

Cost of Holiday Living – Skiing

	Sol Y Nieve (Spain)	Chamonix (France)	Aviemore (Scotland)	Mayrhofen (Austria)	Courmayeur (Italy)	Kitzbuhel (Austria)	Les Arcs (France)	Crans Montana (Switzerland)	Vibier (Switzerland)
Dinner for Two daily	12.27	9.22	14.00	8.75	14.20	12.41	19.28	16.13	17.74
House Wine 70cl daily	2.27	2.89	5.00	5.47	2.60	5.47	2.10	5.81	5.81
Half Litre Beer daily	.41	1.06	.35	.80	.85	.91	.63	.81	.81
Cup of Coffee daily	.36	.32	.50	.73	.60	.73	.63	.55	.55
Hire. Skis/Poles	16.22	16.76	16.00	13.87	13.89	11.82	26.82	28.39	17.74
Hire. Boots	6.31	6.71	7.25	7.30	8.42	5.91	9.56	11.29	8.39
Lift Pass	27.73	37.30	32.00	34.67	43.37	33.21	40.82	43.87	63.87
Ski School	22.45*	29.34	24.00	30.66	31.58	30.55	19.28	22.58	24.84
Total for One Week	£185.27	£194.2	£224.15	£207.46	£235.16	£299.61	£263.78	£278.75	£298.73

Index is based on dinner for two plus one bottle of wine, 2 cups of coffee and beers each day for a week; 6 days hire of skis/poles and boots; lift pass and ski school for 6 days *Ski School Five Days Only

Week's weighted total is given. Exchange rates as on 6 February 1984. All new weekly totals are in Sterling. Source: Thomas Cook.

Learning how to love the school micro

Teachers all over Britain are being catapulted into the age of the mocrocomputer as tiny flickering screens are switched on in their classrooms. LUCY HODGES, Education Correspondent, attended a course on the new technology to see if she could learn to love the micro.

The microcomputer really has arrived. All British secondary schools and 18,000 primaries now have at least one machine provided with aid from the Department of Industry as part of the Government's drive to update skills and *improve industrial competiveness*.

The micro, of which schools have a choice of three British machines, comes on condition that the schools raise half the cash and that the education authority provides training for teachers.

There is nothing to fear. The micro is harmless equipment, more obedient than the average pupil. At its best, it is either extremely useful, performing dreary tasks in seconds, or positively entertaining, providing hours of fun with an imaginative game.

It all depends on what it has been told to do. It the program – the sequence of instructions with which it has been primed – is boring, the chances are you will be bored. The important thing is the software (the programs) which should be "user-friendly", though many boffins like to discuss hardware (the machines).

My course, designed for ignorant journalists, was at the Independent Schools Microelectronics Centre in Oxford. We were introduced to the BBC micro, which, in common with other machines, looks and works like a typewriter keyboard.

Connected to the keyboard was a monitor, resembling a television screen, and a disk drive into which one loads the programs, which are on floppy disks.

One of the most difficult things to grasp is the new technology jargon, particularly the computer language, BASIC, which the micro understands and which enables you to communicate with it.

The words "goto", "input", "run", "print" and "gosub" have precise meanings which are best learned by using the machine rather than trying to memorize them like Latin verbs.

We were taught to write our own program for calculating VAT, an exercise which tested our ability to follow simple instructions on the micro as well as our ability to calculate percentages.

We learned to write a program simulating the laborious processes scientists have had to undertake in the past, such as rolling dice, to establish reproduction or decay rates. This kind of thing appears in biology, physics andchemistry examination syllabuses.

One was a program of Gregor Mendel's experiment onsmooth and wrinkled peas to test how often crossbreeding would result in wrinkled progeny. The answer is about one in three times and the micro established this within minutes.

We were allowed into the secrets of the machine's data-processing function enabling journalists to produce perfect copy without paper and typewriter ribbons and removing the need for printers and hot metal.

A story was written, subedited and finally given the headline, "Hacks crack computer codes", by Lunchtime O'Basic. There is no reason why teachers should not crack the same codes.

● More than one home in 10 in Britain now has a computer and a further record growth is expected this year, according to a report published yesterday.

Chip Shop clicks with listeners

By David Hewson
Arts Correspondent

The most popular part of Barry Norman's new programme is likely to startle uninitiated listeners. After Mr Norman's customarily urbane introduction, his genteel tones give way to minutes of apparently unintelligible clicks and bleeps.

The effect may seem like gibberish, but for Britain's burgeoning home computer population it is the equivalent of electronic Esperento.

Only four weeks after Mr Norman's BBC Radio 4 programme, *The Chip Shop*, went on air, the BBC is creaking under the weight of 50,000 listeners' letters demanding to know more about the system which enables the corporation to transmit software over the air





Mr Norman: Talking electronic Esperanto

for use on virtually every popular home computer in the country.

The key to the system is a Dutch invention called Basicode which the corporation is selling for £3.95. It consists of a tape containing translation programms for home computers. Users record the clicks and bleeps broadcast by the BBC after the shipping forecasts four days a week, and the Basicode tape translates them into the dialect of the computer concerned.

Basicode's strenght lies in the fact that, while most home computers cannot use the software produced for different makes, they share the core of a common language, Basic, which varies from machine to machine. Basicode, produced for a Dutch radio programme which regularly broadcasts scores of software items, enables *The Chip Shop* to transmit programs which can run as well on a Commodore as a BBC B or an Apple.

The Chip Shop's main programme, whohc goes out at 5pm on Saturday, gives details of the software items which will be transmitted after the shipping forecasts on Saturdays, Sundays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, which the programme calls it "takeaway service". All of the items broadcast so far have been games.

The Chip Shop's present run ends on March 17 with a final edition from America's Silicon Valley, but it has proved such a success that Radio 4 has ordered a second, longer run in the autumn, when the clicks and bleeps of radio software will return to the air.

Pre-Budget increases likely on beer prices

By Our Commercial Editor

Draught beer drinkers, particularly in he south of England, could soon face selective trade increases of 2p a pint. Most brewers have already put through increases on packaged beers equivalent to 2p or more on a large can.

With beer sales in the dolrums, public houses alone want to add another 1p to a pint and there is growing speculation that at least two of the big brewers will lead the way soon with such increases in their managed houses. But the brewers are expected to want an additional 1p for themselves.

There is also a growing threat that the Chancellor will add 2p to a pint in the Budget while cutting wine prices by 20p a bottle, as a result of a European Court of Justice judgement that taxes on wine and beer should be brought more into equilibrium.

Adjusting the wine-beer taxation should be spaced over two years, with only 1p being added in the coming Budget, the Chancellor has been urged by the Brewers' Society.

A pre-Budget trade increase in draught beer prices would disrupt the pattern over the past few years when brewers have phasing increases almost annually through the summer and autumn.

Such pre-Budget increases would make the Chancellor's arithmetic on exise duties more complicated. If the trade and Budget rises added 4p to pint, sales could be affected and the Treasury's revenue from beer reduced.

Although a decline in whisky sales may have bottomed out, that market is likely to be affected by drinkers switching to wine, so a disproportionate rise in revenue from spirits could prove counter-productive.

● Wine box sales in Britian are now worth almost £100m a year and still growing fast, according to figures published yesterday which show that in just over three years since their launch in the UK, wine boxed now account for almost 11 peer cent of all table wines sold (the Press Association reports).



The collapsed floor of the party flat, above a disused food shop in east London. Left: Miss Fatima Djemal, whose injured father owns the flat. (Photographs: Tony Weaver).

Floor collapse at teenagers' party injures 65

By Michael Horsnell

A girl aged 17 was critically ill in hospital last night and two others were seriously injured after the collapse of a floor and ceiling at a St Valentine's party attended by 200 young people in east London.

About 65 people were taken to hospital early yesterday morning after guests who had been dancing in two first floor rooms above a disused food shop plunged 10ft on to people congregating below.

As police and firemen rescued the injured from the rubble of the flat in Plashet Grove, East Ham, Miss Gina Randall, of Howard Road, was found unconscious with head injuries. She was transferred to Oldchurch Hospital in Romford, Essex and placed on a ventilator.

Miss Fatima Djemal, aged 18, who gave the party, told *The Times*: "I was pouring out some drinks downstairs when suddenly there was panicking and screaming everywhere. I couldn't see anything for dust. I couldn't open the door at the back and the only thing to do was smash the window."

During a search for her Turkish-born father, Mr Shefget Djemal, aged 38, who owns the flat, Miss Djemal fainted and was taken to hospital. Her father is in intensive care at London Hospital, where his condition was said to be stable.

Cable TV may get BBC local news

By Bill Johnstone
Technology Correspondent

The BBC is considering offering cable television operators a regional television news service which would be the mainstay of the cable network's local coverage.

It is one of a number of suggestions being discussed with the cable operators. They include the possibility of providing a national satellite news service which would be provided, if approved, in partnership with Visnews.

None of the 11 cable television operators licensed to run multichannel networks, containing about 30 channels, will be operating on any significant scale before the end of the year but the corporation is keen on establishing an early foothold in the new medium.

Meanwhile, the cable operators are experiencing a number of unforeseen difficulties. The Government has given them encouragement to offer "interactive" services, such as armchair shopping and banking, but appears to have given them no protection from competition.

Cable operators by their franchise are given a monopoly on television services on cable in their catchment area but are concerned that the legislation will will not provide them with the same for interactive services since British Telecom and Mercury, or other carriers, could compete. They are to press for an amendment to the Cable and Broadcasting Bill, now before Parliament.

The operators are also in dispute with the Inland Revenue over the manner of writing off the cost of cable and equipment.

But on direct satellite broadcasting the BBC remains hesitant. The corporation is still trying to reach an agreement with the Independent Broadcasting Authority to share the cost of the £350m project. It was due to be launched in 1986 with two BBC channels.

Immigrants facing court detained in police cells

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Immigrants due to be sent out of Britain are among people detained in police cells because prisons are full.

The hope held out by Mr Leon Brittan, Home Secretary, to end the use of police cells by December 31, was shortlived. The prison department has admitted "there may be occasions" when people "are detained for more than one night, though we do our utmost to ensure they are transferred to a remand prison as soon as possible".

The immigration wing at Ashford Remand Centre, which held 117 others, was full. Twenty-five immigrants were having to be detained elsewhere, including police cells. At the weekend there were still 116 people in police cells, the Home Office said yesterday.

Mr Kenneth Browne, of the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, said of the immigrants being held: "The Home Office can detain people indefinitely under administrative powers only. A great number have never appeared before a court. Some who have served sentences are being detained for an extra period before deportation."

The council is pressing for the Bail Act to be amended so that those detained under the Immigration Act can put their case for release before a court.

The Home Office said it had no wish to hold people in custody when it could be avoided. But where inquiries were being pursued in particular cases, where appeals were pending or representations on someone's behalf were being considered and it was not appropriate to release the detained person it was unavoidable that they should be held.

There were powers under the Immigration Act, 1971, to hold people subject to those provisions in custody.

The Home Office said of police cells: "The Government is anxious to ensure that no persons are detained in this way for any longer than is necessary."

Though the cells were emptied in time to meet Mr Brittan's deadline, and he wrote an article in *The Times* on January 4 explaining how he kept his promise, he also said in it: "I cannot exclude the possibility of using police cells again if exceptional circumstances arise."

But he was confident that "once the immediate period ahead of us is over, our more long-term policies will begin to have effect."



Rider's problem: Mr Daljeet Kalirai, aged 18, a stable lad from Southampton, wants to become the first Sikh to ride on a British race course. But first he has to find a helmet to fit over his turban. Mr Kalirai, employed by trainer Mr Toby Balding of Fyfield House, near Andover, at present uses a helmet which does not meet Jockey Club rules.

National veto will vanish under Strasbourg plan to restructure EEC

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The European Parliament is expected tomorrow to set off a new controversy about the future development of the Community by approving a draft treaty which would end the national veto in decision-taking after 10 years and vastly increase the powers of the Parliament.

The Labour Party delegation at Strasbourg and a comfortable majority of the 60 Conservative MEPs will vote against the draft treaty on the European Union, which would, in effect, supersede the Treaty of Rome, but they are almost certain to be defeated.

When the Parliament decided last year on the principle of drawing up a new treaty, the majority was heavily in favour, though Labour MEPs voted against and the Conservatives abstained.

This time the Conservatives have agreed to have a free vote. It is anticipated that most of them, given the present attitude of the Prime Minister and the Government towards the EEC, will refrain from backing a move so clearly designed to bring about greater integration.

The draft treaty is the work of four leading European legal experts, including Professor Francis Jacobs, of King's College, London.

It envisages a replacement of the Community's present legislative framework, in which the Council of Ministers is the decisive authority, with a new two-chamber system in which the council would still retain the final say. The European Parliament would be the lower chamber and the Council the upper chamber, with power to reject legislative proposals in the form in which they emerged from the Parliament.

But the proposal to end the veto after a 10-year "transitional period" will elicit fierce opposition in many member states, especially in Britain. The veto is seen simultaneously as a huge impediment to closer integration and a vital protector of individual nations' interests.

For many Conservative MEPs the veto proposal is the sticking-point. Mr Derek Prag, Conservative MEP for Hertfordshire, who played a leading part in drawing up the treaty said yesterday that he had attempted to get it amended so that the veto could still be used after he 10 years in a limited way on vital national issues, but he had been outvoted.

Mr Prag said that he was not against the veto if it was used properly and only occasionally. "But the way the veto has been used has been harmful to the Community. It was never envisaged that it would be used, as it has been, by civil servants on the most detailed issues."

There is also another proposal that is bound to arouse opposition in member countries. This would allow the treaty to be brought into operation if it was approved by a majority of member states, provided that their combined populations total two-thirds of the Community. It is feared by opponents that this would lead to the establishment of an EEC "inner core", which would proceed faster towards union than the other countries wish.

The draft treaty, if approved tomorrow, will then be considered by national parliaments. Mr Prag said the Parliament had at least given the new Parliament, to be elected in June, a starting-point from which it could get on with the job of making the Community work better.

Mr Alex Ekwueme: Vice-President in jail

Buhari says Ekwueme was corrupt

Lagos (Reuter)–The Nigerian military ruler, General Mohammed Buhari, was quoted as saying that the former Vice-President, Mr Alex Ekwueme, was corruptly involved in government contracts.

Mr Ekwueme, one of more than 80 former politicians held at a maximum-security jail in Lagos, was "consistently involved in contract deals on (the new projected capital of) Abuja, petroleum and certain sectors of the economy", General Buhari said in an interview with the Sunday *Concord Weekly*.

General Buhari also said that the former Transport Minister, Dr Umaru Dikko and Chief Adisa Akinloye, chairman of the party led by ousted President Shehu Shagari, consistently appeared along with Mr Ekwueme in big government contract deals. But he said nothing had been found aginst Mr Shagari.

Hijacker held

New York (Reuter) – A man armed with a sub-machine gun, who hijacked an American Airlines jet in Haiti and ordered it to take him to New York, its scheduled destination, was arrested when the plane landed at Kennedy airport.

Nuclear leak

New York (Reuter) – A nuclear power plant at Buchanan, 30 miles north of New York City, was shut down because water with small amounts of radioactivity was leaking into its steam generating system, the owners said.

4,500-year egg

Peking (AP)–Archaeologists have unearthed a 4,500-year-old whole egg at a Neolithic site near Zhengzhou, in the Henan province of central China. Smaller than a chicken's egg, it was found in a layer of earth along with polished stone axes and spades.

Sign of times

Harare (Reuter) – Zimbabwe Town Planning Minister, ordered a signpost in the northern town of Chinhoyi "Cecil Rhodes Street" to be removed as offensive and a colonial relic.

Commons clash likely on Moonies' forum

By Pat Healy

A parliamentary clash is expected this week about the way in which leading opponents in the nuclear debate came to accept invitations to speak at an international conference covertly sponsored by the Unification Church, commonly known as the "Moonies".

The Ministry of Defence refused to be associated with the conference after investigating its sponsorship, but did not warn leading British speakers who the sponsors were.

The speakers included Mr Julian Critchley, Conservative MP for Aldershot and an officer of the Conservative defence committee, Mr Lawrence Freedman of the Royal Institute of National Affairs (Chatham House), Mr E. P. Thompson and Canon Paul Oestreicher of the British Council of Churches. Military speakers included Air-Vice Marshal S. W. B. Menaul, who retired from the RAF in 1968, Admiral Sir James Eberle and General Pierre Gallois from France.

The speakers were told that the "World Media Conference" held in London last October was one of four fact-finding seminars on the European peace movement, sponsored by the respectable sounding *Washington Times*. Both the conference and the newspaper were ste up by the Rev Sun Myung Moon, as material provided to journalists at the London conference made clear.

Mr Critchley said at the weekend that he had been happy to accept an invitation to debate the bomb with leading members of the peace movement.

"It was only when we got there and half the audience were Korean that it dawned on us. By then it was too late to withdraw."

Mr Critchley added that it would have been courteous of the Ministry of Defence to have warned him of the true sponsorship, since he is an officer of the Conservative defence committee.

Top lawyers face rise in premiums

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Solicitors have voted for a change in the way they are compulsorily insured for negligence so that the large City firms will have to shoulder a greater share of the costs.

The vote is the latest move in a long-running dispute between solicitors and the Law Society over its so-called master policy scheme.

Small firms and sole practitioners argue that the present system for assessing premiums, on a flat rate basis for each solicitor principal, means that they are subsidizing the large firms who are the big fee-earners and whose mistakes can be more costly. They favour a scheme whereby a firm's gross fees will be taken into account.

The Law Society, which has put forward its own proposals for change, favours a "cut-off" or tapering of premiums above a certain level of gross fees.

But strong opposition to that was confirmed in the latest Law Society poll of its members, which showed support for a scheme put forward by the British Legal Association.

Call to curb overseas doctors

By Nicholas Timmins

Work permits should be issued to overseas doctors to limit the length of time they can come to Britain to train, the British Medical Association has suggested to Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary.

The aim would be both to improve "haphazard" training of overseas doctors and to tackle the problem of there being more junior doctors in training than consultant posts for them to fill.

Dr John Havard, secretary of the BMA, has written to Mr Brittan saying doctors were discussing ways of improving the training for overseas doctors, but a "necessary prerequisite" was a limit on the length of time they could train.

The proposal was greeted with "horror" by Dr Krishna Kortipara, secretary of the Overseas Doctors Association, which feels that overseas doctors are too often used as "pairs of hands" to run the health service.

The Department of Health and Social security is consulting the Home Office on ways of limiting the numbers of overseas doctors.

Rebel peace formula spurned by junta

From John Carlin, San Salvador

Formulas for a political solution to El Salvador's problems, put forward last week by the country's rebel leadership, offer no substantial advance on previous proposals or any hope of a prompt end to the four-year civil war.

Leaders of the rebel Farabundo Marti Front for National Liberation (FMLN) and its political wing, the Democratic Revolutionary Front (FDR), said in Mexico City on Thursday that a ceasefire could be reached if they were guaranteed a share of power in a provisional governing junta before elections.

Such a junta, which would have between three and five members, would carry out an immediate "purification" of the Army, in the manner of President Alfonsin in Argentina.

The FMLN-FDR proposes, particularly unrealistically, that Major Roberto D'Aubuisson's extreme rightwing Nationalist Republican Alliance party (Arena) should be excluded from the provisional government. Arena represents some of the richest sectors in Salvadorean society and, more importantly, many senior military officers are committed sympathizers.

A veteran Salvadorean politician, Señor Francisco Guerrero, a conservative summed up the reaction of the Government, the armed fores, and the United States Embassy here when he dismissed the rebel proposals as "not serious, merely propagandistic".

Guerrilla leaders, interviewed recently, seemed to attach no importance to the supposedly new peace plans, thereby implicitly justifying the cynicism of the authorities in San Salvador.

If the rebel proposals have any value, it is as a future term of reference. As one veteran guerrilla commander conceded in an interview late last year, a political solution is only viable once one side is on the point of winning the war. Only then is negotiation possible.

● Army attack: El Salvadorean Army said it had killed 62 guerrillas and overran a rebel stronghold during a sweep of the north aimed at securing territory before elections in March (Reuter reports).

A senior officer said troops from the elite US-trained Belloso Battalion killed 20 rebels on Friday in an attack backed by the Air Force on rebel camps on a mountain in the north

Peru police accused of peasant massacre

Ayacucho (Reuter). – **Peru's special anti-guerrilla police force has been accused by a court of massacring peasants in the country's convulsed south-eastern department of Ayacucho.**

Señor Aureo Zegarra, Ayacucho's chief prosecutor, said it was the first time that a judge had ordered the detention of members of the security forces, who are fighting rebels of the Maoist Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) guerrilla group.

Señor Victor Huaman, a local court judge, ordered the arrest of a lieutenant, a sergeant, four corporals and 21 other members of the civil guard's special anti-subversion police on charges of killing 31 peasants during a wedding ceremony on November 13 at Soccos, a village 20 miles east of Ayacucho.

Señor Luis Percovich, the Interior Minister, said in Lima that the accused civil guardsmen were innocent. He said an internal civil guard inquiry revealed that guerrillas were responsible for the massacre.

Mondale survives Iowa television ordeal with his seven rivals

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

It is sometimes hard to detect who the eight Democratic candidates for the presidential nomination regard as their main opponent – President Reagan or each other.

During a two-and-half-hour debate in Des Moines, Iowa, on Saturday, the eight contenders spent as much time and vehemence attacking each other's records as they did the President's

Although they were united to their condemnation of Mr Reagan's foreign and demestic policies, most people who listened to the televised debate were left confused about what the Democratic alternatives are.

The debate, sponsored by the *Des Moines Register* Newspaper, is considered one of the most important opening events of the election campaign as it takes place just over a week before the Iowa precinct caucuses, the first contest of the presidential year.

Since 1976, when an Iowa victory significantly aided Jimmy Carter's presidential campaign, the causcuses have been regarded as an important initial test of voter sentiment.

Opinion polls show that Mr Walter Mondale, the Democratic front-runner, should emerge an easy winner in Iowa on February 20, which explains why he was constantly sniped at by his seven rivals.



Mr Jackson: Colourful and Loquacious.

Senator John Glenn attacked him for being the candidate of "special interest power brokers who promise everything"; Senator Gary Hart accused him of selling out to organized labour, while Mr Reubin Askew claimed that his record on gas deregulation was linked to big campaign contributions by a gas pipeline builder.

Mr Mondale responded with patience, good humour and dignity, winning one of the *longest rounds of applause* during the debate when he declared: "I have led an honourable, decent public and private life. And I have never permitted anything in my private life – including making a living – interfere with the integrity of my public life."

Mr Glenn also came under attack from all sides by challengers who are trying to oust him from his second-place in the polls.

The Rev Jesse Jackson, who again emerged as the most colourful, most loquacious and most applauded of the eight candidates, attacked Mr Glenn over his attitude towards American investment in South Africa, while Senator Ernest Hollings alleged that Mr Glenn was "all confused in that capsule of yours" after remarks he had made about workers' rights.

The eight ended their verbal sparring, however, when the debate turned to the Reagan Administration's policies on Lebanon, arms control and the economy.

Mr Mondale urged Iowa voters to use the President's planned visit to Des Moines on February 20 to condemn his failure to make any progress in arms control talks with the Soviet Union.



Snowy greeting: The Princess of Wales, visiting Oslo for a ballet performance, meets children outside the British Embassy where she planted a tree.

Socialists will stay in Swiss coalition

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

The Swiss Social Democrats meeting in Berne decided yesterday by 773 votes to 511 that the party will remain in the 25-year-old Government coalition.

Under the so-called "magic formula", Socialists, Radicals (Conservatives) and Christian Democrats each have two Cabinet seats and the Central Democratic Union one seat.

The outcome of the vote at the party's extraordinary congress had been largely a foregone conclusion since the beginning of this month, when it became apparent that the rank-and-file took the view that the country was affluent enough for all to have a slice of the cake

An attempt to have the issue put to the party's 50,000 members through a referendum also failed, gaining only 235 votes of the necessary 536.

The two-day congress saw some rousing oratory from militants convinced that the party is suffering from complacency. While some advocates of remaining in the Government agree, they held that it was better to stay in. All were gratified by the salutary attention given to the issue by the Swiss media since the party's 110-member Central Committee last month recommended quitting the coalition.

Hanged man leaves a last message

Delhi (Reuter) – Maqbool Butt, the Kashmiri secessionist leader hanged on Saturday, eight days after the kidnapping and murder of an Indian diplomat in Britain, left a last message for his wife and children, the Press Trust of India said yesterday. It said Butt asked his lawyer on the eve of the execution to pass on a message saying: "Tell them I pray for them and they should pray for me. When my children grow up they will know what is what in life."

A Kashmiri extremist group, which kidnapped and killed the Indian diplomat in England, demanded Butt's release from jail.

Butt, who was 50, was a founding member of the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front. He spent the last eight years awaiting execution for two murders. His lawyer said Butt believed his execution was in retaliation for the diplomat's murder.

Indian security forces remained on alert at airports and in the northern border state of Jammu and Kashmir fearing violence after Butt's hanging.

The man who once boasted in court "Nobody has the rope which could hang me", was hanged in Tihar jail in Delhi soon after dawn, prison officials said.

Avalanches trigger tourist rush for home

From Richard Bassett Vienna

After five days of avalanches which killed a dozen people, incluing four children western Austria slowly returned to normal yesterday as the weather improved and roads and passes were reopened.

Several skiers, including one Briton missing since Thursday and presumed dead, returned at the weekend to their hotel after spending two days in the open in sub-zero temperatures.

The improvement in weather came too late to prevent ugly scenes in isolated hotels as thousands of Austrians attempted to leave their chalets to return home. Austrian police reported a chaotic lack of discipline which led to arguments over who should leave first.

Meanwhile, Vienna University accused local governments in Tirol and Vorarlberg of negligence, saying that the areas in the greatest danger from avalanches, the so-called red zones, often contained as many as 400 hotels.

Despite statutes designed to prevent construction of hotels in these areas, the university claimed, hotels were still being built there.

● **Chancellor booed:** Austria's attempts to remember peacefully the fiftieth anniversary of its short but bloody civil war were marred yesterday as demonstrators booed the Austrian Chancellor and his Minister of Defence at a remembrance ceremony in the Karl Marx Hof on the outskirts of Vienna.

In 1934 the Austrian Army bombarded workers' flats in the Karl Marx Hof with howitzers, killing hundreds including women and children.

Shuttles to land at take-off point

From Nicholas Ashford Washington

Future space shuttles will return directly to the Kennedy Space Centre at Cape Canaveral, Florida, after Challenger's successful landing there at the end of its eight-day mission.

It was the first time that the shuttle had landed at its launching base in Florida. This has been a long-time goal of the shuttle programme because it saves money and time. Most of the others have landed at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

"The real meaning of the landing here is that we cut six to eight days out of our workflow," said General James Abrahamson, associate administrator for space flight at the National Aeronautics and Space Adminisration.

The next shuttle flight, the eleventh, is set for early April and will be Nasa's first attempt to retrieve and repair a damaged satellite in space. Altogether six shuttle flights are scheduled to take off and land from Cape Canaveral this year.

The mission that ended on Saturday morning was dogged by disappointment but also produced some dazzling achievements. Two communications satellites and a target balloon were lost, and the shuttle's mechanical arm malfunctioned before the final space walk. But the landing in Florida and the two spacewalks, which proved that backpacks could be used on repair missions in space, were important successes.

The shuttle itself also performed well, with only a handful of minor technical problems.

Computer may sort out short-wave confusion

From Our Correspondent, Geneva

A new attempt is being made to establish a basis of accommodation – at least technical – in the present disorder of short-wave broadcasting by means of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) using a computer to determine an "equitable minimum" of frequency allocations for each country's legitimate needs.

This is the outcome of the 115-nation world administrative radio conference, which ended on Saturday with a *compromise providing* "a guaranteed minimum in the most difficult situations" caused by the simultaneous presence on the air of an hourly average of some 1,000 transmitters round the clock.

Countries will file their requirements – time of day and areas to which broadcasts are directed – with the ITU, whose computers will indicate optimum frequences on the basis of propagation into various test points in the target areas. Changes for seasonal sun spot activity will be set aside at six-monthly intervals.

The final seal of approval for this "computerized compatability determination" is to be put by a further conference in 1986.

It is also expected to set a 20-year period for replacement of existing double sideband transmissions by single sideband (with 4.5 kilo Hertz band widths, half the exisiting width) so doubling the number of available channels.

While "extremely preoccupied by harmful interference" (jamming) the conference, acknowledging this to be altogether political, had to make do with a resolution asking the ITU to monitor jamming and inform the 1986 conference regarding offenders' identity – already well known, with the Soviet block taking first place.

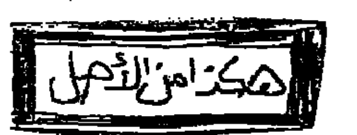
The next meeting will also allocate new short-wave frequencies becoming available on being released by other forms of broadcasting by 1990.

Guerrillas kill pilot

Cairo (Reuter) – An Australian pilot was killed by unidentified guerrillas in an attack on a construction site in southern Sudan on Friday when six other foreign workers were abducted, diplomatic sources said in Cairo yesterday.

A foreign affairs spokesman in Melbourne named the dead airman as Peter Clarke, who was working for the French construction company CCI.

The sources said that he probably died when gunmen attacked the hut and was not taken hostage with six other foreigners. The fate of the others was not yet known. They are all believed to be French nationals. The gunmen were thought to be secessionist



China's agrarian reform lags as peasants feel backlash from cities

By David Bonavia
Peking

The Chinese leadership is moderately well pleased by last year's grain harvest of some 380 million tonnes, but recognize it is still only running on the spot to keep the country fed.

Problems have surfaced in the reformed agricultural system, where peasants for several years have been allowed to decide on their own choice of crops to grow and enabled to get realistic prices for them.

The people's communes set up by the late Chairman Mao Tse-tung in 1958 have been a dead letter since 1982 and their political role has been officially written out of the national constitution. The leadership of Mr Deng Xiaoping considers they killed peasant initiative and suppressed natural market forces tending to higher productivity and prosperity in the rural areas.

Peasants incomes in many parts of the country have risen in the meantime to the point where industrial workers and white-collar employees are grumbling that the farmers are being pampered while food prices in the cities have been slowly increasing.

In recent months many enterprising and successful farmers became alarmed by the apparent trend towards a less permissive policy on the part of the Communist Party.

The official media have tried to allay these fears. There were publicized cases of rural producers who foresook profitable occupations because they feared they would be victimized in a new upsurge of leftist decision-making.

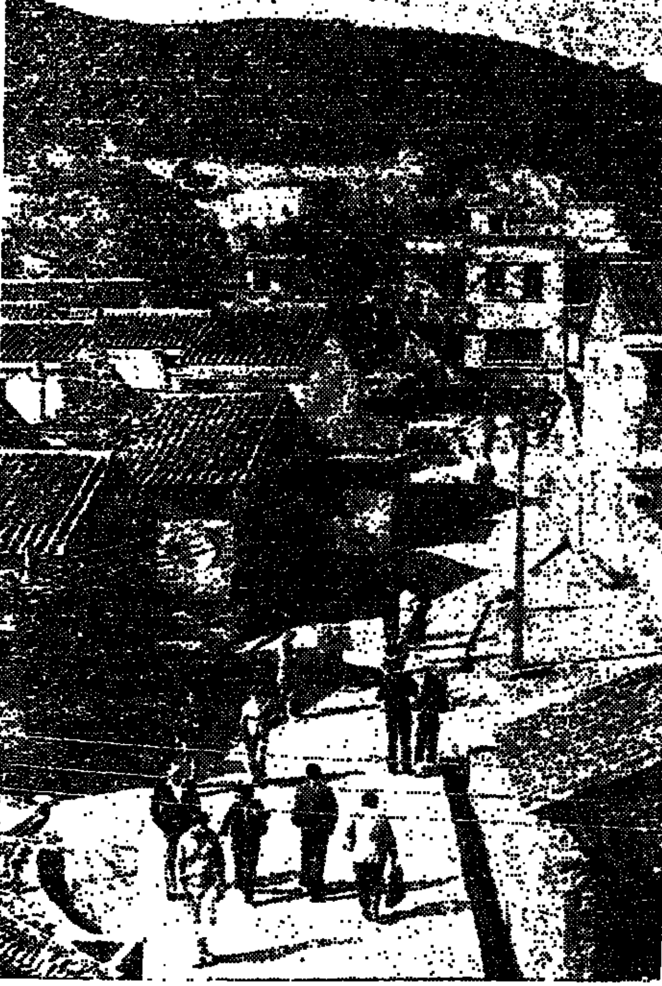
It is not surprising if China's 800 million or so peasants have reservations about fully accepting the party's advice to "enrich themselves". From the mid-1950s until the virtual abolition of the people's communes, millions of peasants and their dependants were criticized, made destitute or even imprisoned for pursuing what the national leadership chose to call "capitalist tendencies".

The people's communes were Mao's blueprint for an egalitarian, totally socialized rural economy in which people would work as hard as they could and receive no more wages than their neighbour. By 1960 this was shown to be not only absurd, but leading to disastrous famine. Mr Deng and his colleages had to oversee the drafting of new guidelines for the communes which preserved their political prestige while modifying their interference

Thereafter, the legendary stubborness of the peasants took over, and although lip-service was paid daily to the leftist policy, the peasants just worked less and let the state bear the burden of food subsidies. China became a leading grain importer.

In 1979, only three years after Mao's death, the first hint of abolition of the communes was given. By now they have no important role other than providing secondary education, medical clinics and other such services for the peasants. The essential unit of rural output is – as it has been in China since time immemorial – the family.

This has resulted in a considerable increase in production of profitable crops, such as vegetables, oilseeds and tobacco, but the state still has to insist that enough peasant families will contract to deliver grain for the cities every year.



Rural showplace: Shenzhen commune, part of a system now under a cloud (Photograph by Keith Smith).

Pentagon admits defeat by press

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

The United States military, grudgingly and without the slightest hint of remorse, has accepted defeat in a long-running battle with the American press over rhe fiasco it created in refusing to let journalists cover military operations in Grenada.

Within hours of the dawn invasion on October 25 the skies around the little airport in Barbados were dotted with aircraft crammed with hundreds of journalists, camera crews, photographers, soundmen, and technicians all heading – so they thought – to the war.

Long before Barbados saw another dawn, the best suites in the best hotels bulged with reporters and television people, together with all the twinkling, winking, whining and clunking array of television technology that accompanies hot stories these days.

The military would let none of it get close to Grenada until the battle was all but over and now, resulting in countless numbers of journalists taking to the water in all manner of makeshift hired boats in the hope of landing in Grenada. A few made it. Most, including myself, got nothing but a soaking.

It has since transpired that top people at the Pentagon were impressed by the way the British authorities controlled information during the Falklands campaign: it is frequently said by some of the military senior officers that "the press lost us the war in Vietnam".

In response to intense press protests, a Pentagon panel was set up to make recommendations to the Joint Chiefs of Staff on dealing with the media in future military operations. It was generally agreed by media executives that before Grenada there was never any problem.

In recent days the panel has been receiving testimony from America's largest news organizations. Also in recent days the Joint Chiefs of Staff have informed the panel that they have adopted new procedures to plan for press coverage during military actions

According to retired Major-General Winant Sidle, and other panel members, the Joint Chiefs of Staff by this action have indicated a recognition by the military that blocking press coverage of the Grenada invasion was a mistake that should not be repeated.

As evidence of a shift of approach, panel members cite a statement of "principles of information" issued by Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, directing military officers to make information "fully and readily available" to the public, Congress and the press.

The original decision to bar the press from Grenada appears to have been taken by the American commander on the ground. There is considerable suspicion, however, that the Reagan Administration was happy to let it stand for fear of bad publicity if the operation stumbled. At first it worked: it was some time, for example, before the world learned of the accidental US bombing of a mental hospital in St Geoge's resulting in the death of many inmates.

The Pentagon panel – comprising eight military representatives and six former journalists – has now agreed that the media should have access to information about military operations "to the maximum degree possible, consistent with the security of the mission and the safety of troops".

The affirmation of that hitherto tactitly acknowledged principle has been welcomed by news organizations.

British put proposal on chemical weapons

By Henry Stanhope
Diplomatic Correspondent

Britain will launch its first important initiative for 12 months at the Geneva talks on banning chemical weapons tomorrow. Mr Richard Luce, Minister of Sate at the Foreign Office, will present a new proposal for tackling problems over verificaion, which have obstructed progress towards towards a treaty.

Because the manufacture of lethal gases and the munitions to deliver them can easily be concealed, the West has always insisted on foolproof measures to ensure that all countries are complying with any ban on production and stockpiling of chemical weapons.

Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, indicated in 1982 for the first time that Moscow might be prepared to accept some form of on-site inspection which until then it had firmly ruled out at all arms control talks.

Last year, the Soviet Union tabled a draft treaty which similarly raised Western hopes over a suitable agreement on verification procedures. But the Russians have so far failed to disclose further details.

The British proposal goes one farther than mere routine inspection of each other's facilities, by outlining a system for challenging any country should international suspicions be aroused.

Last summer, the Russians hinted even that some form of limited challenge procedure might be acceptable to them.

Moscow proposed a European ban on chemical weapons earlier this year although a European only ban is considered by the West to be inadequate. Mr George Shultz, the United States Secretary of State, disclosed during the Stockholm disarmament conference that the Americans too were working on a draft treaty.

This sudden flurry of movement has raised expectation that the 40-nation disarmament conference in Geneva may be on the verge of the long-awaited breakhrough.

In disclosing his forthcoming initiative, Mr Luce referred to mistrust between East and West and the very urgent need to make progress once more on arms control issues like this.

A convention banning microbiological weapons was signed in Geneva in 1972. But this was always considered to be easier to achieve because so-called "germ" weapons have been considered of doubtful military value.

Britain destroyed all its chemical munitions after the Second World War.

The Soviet Union, however, is believed by Western intelligence to have 300,000 tons of chemical weapons.

Mrs Marcos decides to stay in politics

From Keith Dalton
Manila

The Philippines First Lady, Mrs Imelda Marcos,, has hinted strongly that she will remain in politics. Five months ago she announced she was leaving politics.

As Minister of Human Settlements, Governor of Metropolitan Manila, and head of more than 20 government offices, Mrs Marcos is considered the second most powerful government official after her husband, who has held power for 18 years - half that time with dictatorial martial-law powers.

In identical front-page stories carried in Manilas main newspapers yesterday Mrs Marcos said that, while she still had "a little say" and could "charm" the ruling New Society movement against nominating her, she could not overlook a public clamour for her to run in next May's parliamentary elections. I cannot deny the people. The party I can deny, but not the people," she said.

The report, issued by the official Philippines News Agency (PNA), quoted Mrs Marcos as saying that she hoped she would not be prevailed upon to run for a second six-year parliamentary term because she sincerely believed it would "be useful to everyone and the country in general if I do not run." By not seeking reelection, she would have more time with the people as an ordinary citizen

The official news agency noted that "pressure" was being exerted by local officials for Mrs Marcos to change her mind and quoted the First Lady as saying that the final decision might be out of her hands. "I leave everything to fate, destiny or God," she told the PNA.



Mrs Marcos: Bowing to "public clamour".

Storm over Turkish poll date

From Our Correspondent, Ankara

With the prospect of an embarrassing exclusion from the Council of Europe averted until May – thanks partly to the interpreters's strike in Strasbourg last week – the conservative Turkish Government of Mr Turgut Ozal is concentrating in the forthcoming local elections in an attempt to consolidate its power at home and improve its image abroad.

But the opposition parties in the 400-seat Parliament dominated by Mr Ozal's Motherland Party, claim that the Prime Minister's decision to hold the elections on March 25, instead of June 3, leaves them little time for campaigning.

The Constitutional Court is scrutinizing the local elections law at the request of the two opposition parties, who, it is believed, want the polling date postponed.

Both parliamentary opposition groups, the centre-lefti Populist Party and the centre-right Nationalist Democracy Party, are expected to lose heavily against three rivals, the left of centre Sodep, the conservative Right Way Party and the Islamic fundamentalist Welfare Party, which were excluded from the general electionlast November by the former military regime.

Mr Ozal's admission of the the three outside parties to the contest shows he is confident of winning a new victory. The opinion polls bear out his optimism. They give the governing Motherland Party a clear lead despite a 10 per cent drop in the 45 per cent support which swept it to power three months ago.

The latest poll puts Sodep, which has recruited most former Social Democrat politicians, in second place with 22.6 per cent. The Populists, who remain opposed to an alliance – let alone a merger – with Sodep, were pushed into third place with 10.2 per cent. The Right Way party, which has recruited former conservative politicians with the support of a former prime minister, Mr Suleyman Demirel, was surprisingly placed fourth with 6.3 per cent.

Nationalist Democracy and the Islamic fundamentalists brought up the rear with 5.2 and 2.6 per cent respectively. Of the sampled voters, 17.3 per cent remained undecided.

Understandably playing down the significance of the opinion polls, the opposition parties accuse the Government of monopolizing the supposedly neutral state television.

Pakistan bans student politics

From Hasan Akhtar, Islamabad

Student politics has been virtually banned in Pakistan. All student organizations, bodies and unions have been declared unlawful under martial law decrees in the Punjab and the North West Frontier Province. The martial-law Governor of Sind has imposed a similar ban on student activity in his province which saw severe anti-regime riots during the second half of the last year.

According to reports from Karachi, Lahore and Rawalpindi and some smaller towns, the ban was met with protest meetings and demonstrations by students displaying anti-government slogans. Police used batons and staves to breakup demonstrations and were reportrd to have arrested a number of the organizers. The ban was, however, said to have been welcomed by Mr Justice Aftab Husain, the Chief Justice of the Islamic shariat court in Sialkot.

So far no martial-law order banning student organizations has been issued in Baluchistan, but university and college unions have not been able to hold annual elections for the last seven years except in a few girl's colleges and a ban is expected at any time.

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Israeli Cabinet in second crisis meeting on Lebanon

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

Israel's Cabinet met yesterday for the second time in less than a week to try to revise military strategy in Lebanon to take account of what are widely regarded here as the catastrophic events of the past week.

Although at least one further meeting will be needed before decisions are taken by the ministers, who hold differing views on the subject, it is now believed that in the next few months Israel will consolidate its position with a further move southwards to a new front line which does not include control over Sidon.

With its population of 150,000 Muslims, the port city of Sidon has in recent months become the centre of the growing armed resistance to the Israeli occupation. Its main street has been renamed Death Row by Israeli troops, who conduct regular patrols shooting at all suspicous objects with live ammunition and destroying unclaimed cars parked by the road.

Inside the Army, from the lowest private to the highest officer, there is mounting pressure for a limited pullack from the present Awai line to reduce the number of man-hours spent in Lebanon and cut casualties. The most favoured location for the new line is along the Zahrani river, though other possibilities, including some even farther south, are under investigation.

To maintain secrecy about Israeli intentions, yesterday's meeting – as with that held last week – was declared a session of the ministerial defence committee, whose proceedings are classified. It was attended by senior Defence Ministry and Intelligence officials, who used maps to provide ministers with a detailed briefing about the new situation on the ground.

In a radio interview before the meeting, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, issued a blunt warning to the beleaguered President Gemayel of Lebanon that if the treaty of May 17, 1983, is nullified (as is widely expected) Israel would see itself freed from all the obligations it undertook when it signed the agreement.

This warning was seen both as a signal to the United States about the store Israel set by he agreement – only its second with an Arab state – and a way of stating that some Israeli troops are likely to remain on Lebanese soil indefinitely if the terms are abrogated.

"There is no doubt that the result would be a much more defined partition of Lebanon into Israeli and Syrian spheres of influence", it was said.

In the interview, Mr Shamir said: "If the Laebanese element, the Lebanese Government, no longer participates in the security arrangements, we will have to deal with those aggangements in a unilateral manner or by relying on other elements. In any case, we will ensure the security of Israel's north, with the agreement or without it."

Despite the secrecy surrounding the policy making process, another Cabinet member, Mr Mordechai Zipori, the Communications Minister, had outlined earlir the approach now being adopted by the Government. "We are trying to find a way to leave ourselves means, or a situation, which will enable us to maintain supervision – and control, in so far as is necessary – over what goes on in southern Lebanon," he said.

"In my estimation, several mistakes were made in our assessment of the situation in Lebanon and – to put it mildly – we are now suffering the consequences. The sole problem which now interests Israel is that of the Galilee and of preventing any possible reorganization of the terrorists."

That point was emphasized after yesterday's marathon session when Mr Dan Meridor, the Cabinet secretary, denied reports in the Hebrew press that Israel was considering launching any military action – either unilaterally of jointly with the Americans – to try to prop up the Gamayel regime.

Despite the wish of most Israelis to extricate themselves from the Lebanese quagmire, the outstanding problem now remains finding an effective local militia force ther able to provide a viable security belt in their absence.

Mainly because of the Shia Muslim victories last week in Beirut, Mr Uri Labrani, the influential cooordinator of Israeli activities in Labanon, is now known to be pessimestic about the chances of reaching such agreement with the Shia militias in the south.

Corpses have no problem crossing the Beirut front line

Wave of approval reserved for the dead

From Robert Fisk
Beirut

They took a body across the Beirut front line yesterday a coffined martyr from some militia cause whose home by preposterous mischance was alongside the Christian, eastern sector of the city. It was carried in an ambulance with a siren that wailed quotations from the Koran while a woman in the passenger seat held up a poorly coloured photograph of a serious young man with a moustache and a neat khaki uniform.

A car of screaming relatives followed, the men with staring faces, the black-scarved women ululating and flapping their arms out of the windows to publicize their grief. The gunmen of the Morabitoun militia waved them through, and so did the French paratroopers on the line as the coffin bounced around in the back of the ambulance round the earth revetments and over the rubble and glass towards the east, the chanting echoing off ruined walls. A trifle uncomfortable perhaps, but corpses have no problems in crossing the Beirut front line.

Most of the living walked across yesterday. At the end of Corniche Mazraa, there was a burnt-out Lebanese Army tank with a Nasserite flag on top and three gunmen in red bandannas squatting on the top.

You had to crunch your way over the broken road past the tank, stumble through piles of red earth and there, beside a deserted flyover, stood five French paratroopers of what used to be the multinational force, kitted out in full combat uniform and steel helmets, a tricolour snapping nervously on the radio antenna of the Jeep behind them. They did not respond to our greeting, aware no doubt that we owed them a favour and not the other way round.

Long ago the French decided to turn the French Ambassador's smashed and caverous residence beside the Museum their contingent headquarters, and so they have now found themselves in the very centre of the most strategic piece of real estate in Lebanon.

While the Americans and British spent much of last week sneaking their soldiers and civilians out of Beirut, the French were yesterday still trying to do something for the Lebanese, athough their political motives may not be entirely altruistic. On the 400 yards of roadway that the French have commandeered, there were yesterday two truck-loads of grinning French troops and a clutter of majors wearing red berets at ridiculously rakish angles, keeping the front tine open. Beyond them, down the road, was the Lebanese Army and the Phalange.

We walked on down towards the eastern earth defences behind which we would find those who had besieged west Beirut for almost a week.

The earthen mounds seemed much higher when we reached them and there was something sinister about the lack of flags on the top. We walked gingerly through a little gap in the ramparts and peered round

There were no giants there, no fearsome militias, no sharpened knives: just three very tired and very scruffy cigarette-smoking Lebanese soldiers in creased battledress lounging on the edge of an abandoned vehicle which had mud and rust all over its tracks.

Their rifles were lying on the pavement, they were quite uninterested in us, totally absorbed in watching their rations being brought up the street behind them by an elderly corporal with grey hair.

They made no effort to stop us or to interest themselves in the eight-truck Red Cross supply convoy that trundled over the shrapnel and through the barricades to west Beirut. Back in the French buffer zone, we even found Mr Rafik Hariri, the Saudi negotiator who commutes between the palaces of the Lebanese and Syrian Presidents. He sat in his armoured Mercedes, a huge paw emerging through the window to shake our hand. He talked about optimism and said he wanted more crossings open between east and west Beirut. "The militias don't want to control west Beirut," he commented without much conviction.



Street game: Two children playing yesterday among the ruins of Beirut.

Reagan will reassure Husain and Mubarak

From Nicholas Ashford
Washington

The crisis in Lebanon, President Reagan's Middle East peace initiative, and economic and military aid will be the main subjects under discussion when King Husain of Jordan and President Hosni Mubarak hold talks at the White House this week.

King Husain, who has been on holiday and undergoing medical treatment in the US, is due to meet President Reagan today. It will be President Mubarak's turn tomorrow.

According to a senior Administration official, both leaders, two of America's closest Arab friends, will lunch together with Mr Reagan tomorrow.

The deteriorating situation in Lebanon and the Administration's plans to withdraw US Marines from Beirut are likely to be the main focus of the discussions. The two Arab leaders can be expected to question the President about possible new American initiatives to achieve a diplomatic solution to the crisis.

For his part, President Reagan will seek to reassure King Husain and President Mubarak that the US remains a reliable partner by emphasising that, although the Marines are being pulled out. American naval vessels will remain in the area

Both leaders will also want to hear the President's assessment of chances of reviving his Middle East peace plan, which has been moribund for the past year. King Husain has recently showed renewed interest in the plan, which calls for Jordan to join Egypt and Israel in talks

President Mubarak, whose country is beginning to emerge from years of Arab ostracism after its recognition of Israel, is also anxious to resume moves for a comprehensive Middle East settlement.

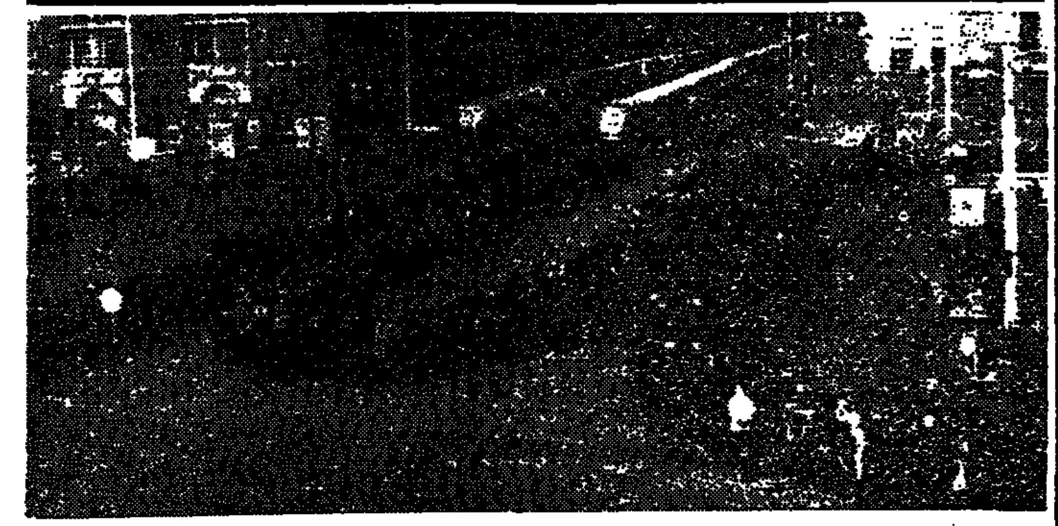
Border towns hit in Gulf war

Tehran (AFP) – The Iran-Iraq war escalated sharply as Iran unleashed an artillery attack on three Iraqi border towns yesterday after Iraqi rockets had pounded the Iranian city of Dezful on Saturday.

The towns of Basra, Mandali and Khanaqin came under heavy shelling after Iranian radio told inhabitants to leave, and Iranian ground forces launched warning flares across the border.

● **BAHRAIN:** Iraq confirmed an Iranian artillery attack against three Iraqi towns yesterday, and said that it would retaliate with "one of the deterrents" in its arsenal (AFP reports).

● **Dam threatened:** Sources acquainted with the Darbandikhan region in Iraqi Kurdistan speculated that the aim of the Iranian attack there might be to breach a huge dam originally built to stop the annual flooding of the Baghdad area which now produces a sizable portion of Iraq's electricity



Last respects: Muscovites line up in Gorky Street to see the body of President Andropov lying in state in the Hall of Columns.

Washington plays down summit idea

From Our Own Corespondent
Washington

Senior Administration officials yesterday played down speculation that there could be an early summit between President Reagan and the new Soviet leadership, after the death last Friday of President Andropov.

Appearing on separate television programmes yesterday, Mrs Jeane Kirkpatrick, the US representative at the United Nations, and Mr Lawrence Eagleburger, the Undersecretary of State, both said the American position on a summit remained unchanged. This was that a summit should not be held for its own sake but would have to be carefully prepared and have a prospect of meaningful results.

The same officials also emphasized that the United States did not expect any significant changes in policy by the Soviet Union.

The speculation that Mr Reagan, with his eye fixed firmly on his reelection campaign, was now thinking in terms of a summit was raised by the conciliatory language he has used toward Moscow since Mr Andropov's death.

Smooth air of routine in Moscow's mourning

From Richard Owen, Moscow

The mourning in Moscow was low-key, with none of the shock which accompanied the passing of President Brezhnev 15 months ago. Shops and theatres remained open, except in the centre near Red Square, sealed off by phalanxes of troops, police and civilian auxiliaries with red armbands.

Massive security is the traditional response in Russia to government crisis, but this time it had a well-rehearsed air, with no real expectation that the people would panic.

"We've been through this before" said a young policeman as he checked my pass in an otherwise deserted street near the Kremlin.

"When Brezhnev died it was the end of an era", one middle-aged woman in a sheepskin coat said. "He was part of our lives for a long time. Now I feel simply sad. Andropov was a good strong man who did not have time."

Muscovites seemed to have little to say, except that Mr Andropov had been a modest, principled man untouched by corruption, who had made a start. Even the black-edged flags on public buildings had an understated air, fluttering in the icy breeze but not dominating the scene.

At the Hall of Columns, the green and white classical building near Red Square where Mr Andropov's body lies in state, an apparently endless queue of factory workers and soldiers shuffled forward patiently through the crystal clear air towards the ornate doorway.

Brought in through the police cordons in special buses, the mourners waited their turn under a clear blue sky as they had done in November, 1982, although this time perhaps without quite the same sense of history.

Inside the hall, originally a noblemen's club which subsequently saw the trial of Bukharin and the deaths of Stalin and Brezhnev, an army band played solemn music. The chanderliers, covered in black cloth, cast a faint glow

In the dim light, the face of Yuri Andropov, the once powerful KGB chief and then party leader and President, seemed white and waxen, a mask set at the head of a flower-covered bier.

Party and government officials and army afficers stood in silent respect, while to one side Mr Igor Andropov, the President's son, sat on with his hands in his lap, staring through his spectacles at the bier.

THE ARTS

Opera in London and Paris

Carreras joins a royal line

Andrea Chenier
Covent Garden

Giordano's *Andrea Chenier* is back at Covent Garden after 53 years, two postponements and in a borrowed production. To vilify Giordano has long been the fashion and the cynics will doubtless be saying that half a century is just about the right interval between *Cheniers*. More reasonable men will question whether this particular production, from Cologne, was the right one to borrow. London's two major opera houses have not been too successful in that respect this season. But the crucial requirement for *Chenier* is the tenor and Covent Garden have answered that in the shape of José Carreras, who was responsible for much of the warm applause which greeted Friday's first night.

Gigli was acting in his own best interests when he used to inform managements that Andrea Chenier was his preferred role for making a house debut. It was in Giordano's work that he was first heard at the Royal Opera House. Although the number of performances of *Chenier* at Covent Garden had not even reached double figures before this weekend, the other tenors taking the title role there included Caruso, Zenatello and Lauri-Volpi, a fair indication of the rewards the opera holds.

José Carreras now adds a fifth to that royal quartet and he does so with the greatest distinction. Chenier is a hero as well as a poet – Illica's libretto for Giordano is a well-worked piece of faction where a number of figures from the French Revolution are woven together in a plot that is not exactly based on the truth. So Carreras provides heroic tones. And that will come as no surprise to those who have followed his career closely over the past year.

Chenier's solos, one in each of the four acts, are as much outbursts as arias. In the *improvviso*, where Chenier attacks the aristocracy waiting to be entertained at the Château de Coigny, Carreras set alight the opening act, which at times only smoulders, with a ringing timbre and notes hit plumb centre. Carreras is the most honest of tenors: he fudges nothing. And, as his recent Rodolfos proved, the lyricism remains for Chenier's final poem, "Come un bel di", which, like the *improvviso*, Illica based on the verses of the real Chenier.

It is of course for Act IV above all that true *Chenier* fanciers are in the house. "LAST ACT ROUSED FANATICAL ENTHUSIASM – BOOM, BOOM, BOOM", cabled Sonzogno, the music publisher with whom Giordano had many a row, after the first performance at the Met. Boom, boom, boom indeed. Carreras and his Maddalena, Rosalind Plowright, unleashed their voices as the lovers march off to the guillotine to be united in death.

Miss Plowright is often at her happiest in such blood-stirring fortissimo passages. And so it was. Earlier she had shown to good advantange in "La mamma morta", as Maddalena offers her body to the man in power to save her lover, as Tosca was to do just four years after the *Chenier* première. Here the full range of the Plowright soprano, and especially its darker shadings, came through. In the opening two acts she had sounded edgy and the words were indistinct. Bernd Weikl as Gerard, the man who gets that offer, gives a performance of strength and integrity as the opera's only two-dimensional figure, a revolutionary who ends up admiring his enemies.

Chenier is full of cameo roles, too full probably for anyone seeing the opera for the first time. Many were cast with imagination, including Anny Schlemm (a house debut) as the blind Madelon and another veteran singer, Patricia Johnson, as the Contessa di Coigny. Outstanding among the home team were Jonathan Summers as Chenier's companion Roucher and Richard Van Allan as Mathieu, who gets all the revolutionary numbers.

Hopes were high for Michael Hampe's production after his award-winning *Matrimonio segreto* seen at Sadler's Wells and the immaculate *Cosi* at Salzburg. It disappointed. One or two touches apart – the silhouettes of the revolution at the end of Act I, a wheelbarrow of lanterns as the June evening fades in Act II – it was unimaginative and visually drab. William Orlandi's sets, after a "design concept by Ezio Frigerio", looked grubby and dreary as well as taking an awful long time to change. EMI have just reissued the opera on two records (SLS 1436533) so Covent Garden should manage to get through it in under three hours. Gerard must have wondered just what he was singing at the start when he attacks the gilded cage of the Coignys ("T'odio, casa dorata").

Luckily there was gold in the orchestra from Richard Armstrong, who threw himself into this melodious, energetic and unsubtle score with the vigour he uses for early Verdi with the WNO.

John Higgins





Revolutionary and poet: Bernd Weikl (left) and José Carreras bringing strength and integrity to *Andrea Chenier* (photograph by Zoë Dominic); and the delicacy of Inga Nielsen in *La Chatte anglaise*

La Chatte anglaise
Opéra Comique

After *We Come to the River* we come to the cat. This second operatic venture from Hans Werner Henze and Edward Bond, *The English Cat*, is a very different animal from the "actions for music" they flung at Covent Garden audiences in 1976. The fury has abated. The score is worked with the finesse of the chamber music Henze has been writing in the interim, although it has its own catty colours: the stretching of feline limbs in string glissandos, sudden jumps and quick heartbeats in the percussion, the electric bristling of fur in the sharpened harmonies stroked from the chorus. Meanwhile the old message of class struggle is made almost coyly: this is much more a polite than a political opera.

Rather oddly, though, Henze and Bond continue to get worked up about the iniquities of a society few would care to support, that of the upper and upper middle classes of the European empires as they tottered towards the Great War. Yet that would be more absurd if the opera actually believed in itself as satire, which it does not. Instead the tone of gentle luxuriousness, and the orchestra, prominently featuring sumptuous violins and characterful low woodwind with a rich, athletic current of plucked strings and much percussion, is inclined more to cherish than to mock these high-born animals, as they behave with sublime indifference to anything but self-interest. Not for the first time, Henze is too much in love with his etiolated world to attack it.

Bond's part in the enterprise would seem to be less than in the earlier opera. The idea was in the first place Henze's, coming to him after he had seen a stage adaptation of Balzac's allegory *Peines de cocur d'une chatte anglaise*. He then invited Bond to make him a libretto on the subject, and Bond responded with what reads more like a ballad opera than the infinitely fussy chamber piece it became: it is a low-life view of the gentry as cats, with lots of songs in brisk, crude metres and quick-moving dialogue. To judge from what has been published of the correspondence between composer and librettist, however, their collaboration was smooth and efficient.

What the letters also reveal, fascinatingly, is how much visual as well as verbal stimulus Henze needed from Bond. He asks the playwright to give him full stage directions and even pen portraits of the characters, which doubtless helped in his creation for each of a specific instrumental as well as vocal texture. Minette, the English cat of the title, is given an admiring environment of strings decked out with jewels from harp and electric guitar, while her lover Tom has a rougher, tumbling ensemble of percussion and clarinets, the latter paying homage to Stravinsky's cat music. Perhaps Rossini and Ravel are there too, although mewings in this score are happily few. It is, after all, an opera about people, not cats.

The story is simple. Minette is imported from the country as wife for Lord Puff, a rich town cat and president of the Royal Society for the Protection of Rats, which exists hypocritically to rob rodents of freedom and dignity while pretending to honour them. Vaguely dissatisfied with idleness and Lord Puff's less-than-complete attention to his marital duties, Minette is charmed by the alley-cat Tom. Lord Puff's nephew Arnold seizes on this unfaithfulness as an opportunity to press for a divorce and so end the admittedly remote possibility of an alternative heir, but in the courtroom Tom is recognized as the long-lost son of the last Lord Fairport and inheritor of a vast fortune.

Minette is sent for drowning, and so Tom casually turns his attention to her sister, but the new liaison is short-lived, for Tom himself is soon killed off by the RSPR for his money. It is at this point that the music suddenly becomes strangely savage, as if something was happening that really mattered. Otherwise this is Henze's most poised music for the theatre since *Elegy for Young Lovers*, with its naughtinesses of waltz, tango and other dance numbers subsumed in elegance, and with beautiful song after beautiful song set in recitative where a chamber organ serves as fulsome continuo.

Like the original production in Schwetzingen last June, this new Paris staging is conducted by Dennis Russell Davies, a keen exponent of Henze's energy and loveliness. The visual aspect is dominated less by Julian Hope's production than by the masks of Kuno Schlegelmilch, which transpose animal features on to the cast without seeming to impede their singing at all. Certainly there are cascades of delicate high soprano tone from Inga Nielsen as Minette and a warm vein of mezzo seriousness and sensitivity from Bernadette Antoine as her sister. Bruce Brewer is properly enfeebled as Lord Puff, and Philippe Duminy provides a lively baritone for Tom. There are further performances tonight and on February 16, 18, 21 and 23.

Paul Griffiths

(PUBLISHING)

Taking a dim view

Jan Morris, Claire Rayner and Sir Peter Parker made public in mid-January on *Bookmark* (BBC2) their critical opinions of *The Paper Men*, William Golding's first novel to be published since he received the Nobel Prize for Literature. So what? you may say.

The novel was published by Faber and Faber last week. If a review of the book had appeared in a newspaper weeks, even a day or two, before publication there would have been vigorous complaints from the literary editors of other newspapers as well as to the novel's publisher. Books are published on specific dates, and there is general agreement – it is in the interests of authors, publishers and booksellers as well as the press, which likes to treat new books as "news" – that those deadlines should, for purposes of review, be rigorously adhered to.

Why should the rules be different for television? Those informative radio programmes tjhat discuss and review books cannot ve overjoyed at the Golding gun being jumped in this way. Nor can booksellers as, no doubt, viewers in their thousands will have been frustrated at being unable to acquire *The Paper Men* from bookshop or library the day after the programme. It is not as if we have a Nobel laureate publishing a new novel every month, or that many books receive this kind of television exposure. How ironic it should happen to an important work of fiction that no one other than Jan Morris, Claire Rayner, Sir Peter Parker and other reviewers was at the time allowed to read.

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It never fails to surprise what publishers will do – and who can blame them? – to make a few bob. Gollancz are publishing in June, at a mere £75.00, *Tunnicliffe's Birds: Measured Drawings in Colour* by C. F. Tunnicliffe. The book, illustrated in colour, has 160 plates and presents 80 of the great bird artist's measured drawings.

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I suggested a few weeks ago that Hutchinson were "erratic" in paying their authors on time. They have taken exception to this. Whilst acknowledging that in the past not all advances may have been made on time they are keen to point out that great care is now taken to ensure that both royalty payments and advances are paid when due. No doubt budding young authors will be delighted to hear this. Many publishers *are* "erratic" in paying their authors but I did not intend to imply that Hutchinson were especially culpable in this regard.

E. J. Craddock

Dance

La Bayadère/ Swan Lake
Covent Garden

La Bayadère sprang full-grown into the Royal Ballet's repertory in 1963 and the only problem about maintaining it is that those of us who saw it then, or in the Kirov Ballet's production in 1961, were probably spoiled for life with expectations of excellence difficult to maintain. Both companies then had a corps de ballet at a peak of its powers, and exceptional principals and soloists.

Also in 1963, the Royal Ballet put on a new reading of *Swan Lake*, most of it mercifully long since scrapped. In one version or another, *Swan Lake* has been in the company's programmes almost 50 years, repeatedly tinkered with, occasionally reworked entirely, but still not completely coming together. Frustratingly, they have all the right raw material but fail to focus it. What can any man make of Siegfried, for instance, when what should be a high moment of drama, his refusal to marry, is produced as broad farce?

Jay Jolley looked completely nonplussed by that on Saturday night, when he partnered Elisabeth Platel in her first guest appearance in this ballet. (Charles Jude, the colleague from Paris who was to have danced with her, was injured.) She, being a sensible girl, simply concentrates on the dancing and lets the ballet speak for itself.

As Odette, her movements are beautifully stylized, full of detail that has dropped out of the Covent Garden production (the tiny move of the head before her Act II solo, for instance). She plays it coolly, without laying on heavy emotion, but with a touching concern for Siegfried in their tragic final moments of life together.

Her Odile, the character's obverse image in Act III, seduces Siegfried more by challenging his sense of adventure than by voluptuousness. At the beginning of her solo, one small phrase twice went slightly adrift; I liked the way in which, refusing to let that throw her, she continued building the dance to a climax with both fast and slow pirouettes, very smooth, and a series of fouettés absolutely *sur place*, strong, sure, glittering.

The Covent Garden corps de ballet is good but something this side of perfection in *Swan Lake* this season; better in *La Bayadère*, perhaps because it is harder, more challenging. I watched one performance last week from the amphitheatre, a view that allows no hiding of errors, and was touched by the skill and cohesion of their work.

That was the night that Nureyev came from Paris to replace the injured Jude as Platel's partner: she much more confident and glowing in the role than at her first attempt, he obviously proud to present her to the audience, and, although his solo dancing is less voluptuous and supercharged than when the production was new, it still has smoothness and control.

But the trio of soloists that night was decidedly less thrilling: they range from dull competence to flashy approximation. Some nights, when Deidre Eyden, Ravenna Tucker and Fiona Chadwick take those parts, they are superbly done. On Thursday, the applause recognized how far they were outdancing the miscast Marguerite Porter in the ballerina part.

Her bold but empty rhetorical flourishes were no recompense for weak pirouettes and skimpy extentions. Stephen Jefferies, dancing his first London performance as Solor, was uneven, concentrating on what he can achieve with strongest effect. But his sense of dance as a form of drama rather than virtuosity should see him work more securely into the role.

John Percival

Television

Barlines

To make a Martini fit to inspire a great master of the cinema, first chill the glass, the cocktail-shaker and the gin. Only English gin should be used. Fill the shaker with ice, pour in a few drops of Noilly Prat and angostura bitters, and pour them straight out again. Then add a good measure of gin, shake, and strain the tainted spirit into a glass.

The Life and Times of Don Luis Buñuel (BBC2) gave this recipe with the fact that the great director spent much time in bars with his favourite cocktail, meditating and writing scripts.

What a hideous task fell to Anthony Wall, the director of this requisite BBC hagiography. It is hard to explain an artist who is devoted to meaningless images, and doubly hard when the artist has resisted veneration in his lifetime so successfully that no worthwhile film interview with him exists.

We had fine, inescapable stuff: the Last Supper from *Viridiana*, the hand with ants from *Un Chien Andalou*, loving reminiscences from Fernando Rey and Jean-Claude Carrière. We had some laughs, too, as when an early partner in surrealism observed that it was not easy to get a cow into bed, but Don Luis was so charmng that the crew would do anything for him.

All this just blackened the mystery of Buñuel. Then the revelation came. A home movie made by a friend showed the private Buñuel, entertaining in a bar with a half-serious interview. What a gem it was. There was the great director, cheerfully defenceless among his intimates, discussing love, death and the whole damn thing. It seemed voyeuristic to watch him.

Paradox also afflicted **The Weather in the Streets** (BBC2). This was a lavish film based on Rosamond Lehmann's novels, a romantic love story set in the Twenties when adultery and abortion were not yet the stuff of everyday soap operas.

Here the difficulty was in finding the people under the perfect 1920s costumes, and the theme under the gleaming vintage cars and burnished Bakelite radios. Even the atmosphere of luminous sensuality whipped up by the director, Gavin Millar, seemed to have been borrowed from a commercial for a new fibre-full breakfast cereal. It was all too beautiful.

Celia Brayfield

Theatre

Anna's Room
Birmingham Rep Studio

I hope the brief West End run of Ellen Dryden's *Harvest* will not deter southern theatres (fringe especially) from looking at her new piece. In its relatively uneventful two hours, starting with two girls arriving to share a pretty Edwardian flat in Ealing, a host of interesting subjects surfaces for discussion with Miss Dryden's particular perceptiveness and quiet humour, although I would be hard put to say what they all add up to.

First, it is a persuasive, appealing study of a friendship: thoughtful teacher Anna (Petra Markham) with her complement, the pragmatic doctor Pru (Tessa Peake Jones). Devoted, old-fashioned and sadly aware of it, Anna's boyfriend (Ian Redford) shows the worst male incomprehension: feeling walked-out on, feeling threatened, suspecting a lesbian affair.

Independence achieved, Anna is unsure what she wants. Altruism is in her blood: she worries about dossing junkies, while Pru asks what can you do? The dilemma of involvement recurs with her class's essay topic – Florence Nightingale – and with Pru's young widowed mother: movingly played by Sylvia Kay, but is she a soul in need or an emotional vampire? Anna is torn between that and her new freedom, privacy and sense of self.

The author then confronts that privacy with an extreme threat: invasion by Pru's sponging spoilt brother, barely credible though played by Tristram Wymark with splendidly odious confidence. Sleeping-bag and sneers at the ready, he beds or half-nelsons his hostesses while extolling his "boyish charm" and ridiculing the unselfish. Like the mugger Pru encounters (whom we are spared, however), he shows how vulnerable decent people are to *force majeure*.

Intercut with these realistic scenes are visions of another Anna (the sweetly earnest Mary Rutherford) as, for example, a suitorless medieval lady driven to a nunnery and a Victorian spinster resenting dependence and bitterly refusing an admirer (played, significently, by Mr Redford with a swiftly added cravat). Modern Anna watches in horrifed self-recognition until, when Pru plans to leave, Miss Rutherford enters in identical costume to utter the private resentments that go unspoken. Peter Farago's sensitive production moves naturally between the changing worlds, assisted by Geoffrey Scott's spot-on set.

Anthony Masters

Concert

BBCSO/Pritchard
Festival Hall/Radio 3

It is astonishing how violently Stravinsky's big neo-classical vocal works were reviled when they were heard in London during the Thirties. *The Times* wrote off *Oedipus Rex* with the sentence "The work is monumental: monumental nonsense". *The Manchester Guardian* wrote of "the ostentatious but quite unconvincing religiosity" of the Symphony of Psalms. Nowadays that Symphony seems as beautiful a piece as Stravinsky wrote, especially when it is done with the suppleness and quiet fervour which Sir John Pritchard brought to it on Friday night.

It is easy to make this superficially expressionless music sound cold and spiky, but Pritchard, by drawing it along gently with smooth but firm rhythms, gives it a restrained intensity. He was helped by the warm tone of the BBC Symphony Chorus (trained on this occasion by Christopher Robinson) and by the crisp efficiency of the BBC Symphony Orchestra.

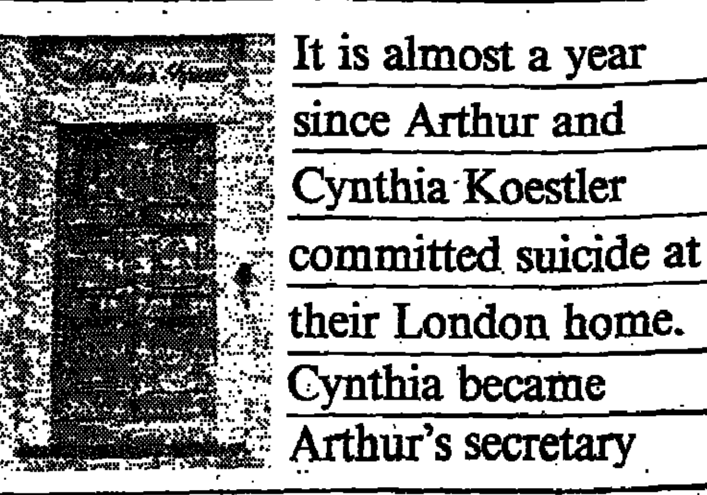
The secret seems to be to let the music take a natural shape: the repeated quavers of "Laudate Dominum" become not angular repeated accents but a falling phrasing; the bass ostinato of the final coda is not punched but rounded, with wind harmonics clustering above the melody like doves ascending.

Pritchard's flowing rhythms, which work interestingly against the music's expressivity in Stravinsky, perhaps match the music too closely in Brahms's German Requiem – here one surely needs some spikiness to counteract the natural drift. This was a loving but at times a rather sleepy reading.

There was some fine singing: the sopranos, though they hit an unpleasantly flat chord in the first movement, recovered for a beautifully shaped solo phrase in the last. Felicity Lott soared through the fifth movement in especially radiant voice, while Benjamin Luxon sounded equally noble of feeling, if rather more cloudy of voice.

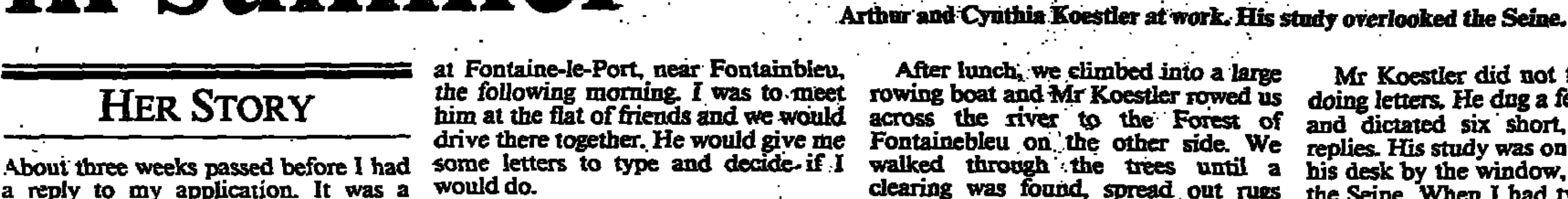
Nicholas Kenyon

SPECTRUM



It is almost a year since Arthur and Cynthia Koestler committed suicide at their London home. Cynthia became Arthur's secretary in 1949, his wife in 1965 and in their last years together wrote an "autobiography by two hands." It begins after a young girl from South Africa applies for a job with an unnamed author in Paris

The first stirrings in summer



Arthur and Cynthia Koestler at work. His study overlooked the Seine.

HER STORY

About three weeks passed before I had a reply to my application. It was a letter asking me to come to an address in the 17ième arrondissement for an interview and was signed "Daphne Woodward". For some reason which I cannot remember I arrived there half an hour late, much to my mortification. Mrs Woodward told me that the name of the author was Arthur Koestler, that she was his secretary, but was going back to England. To test my shorthand she dictated a passage from *Darkness at Noon*, which I typed out. It was all right, except that I got one word wrong: I wrote "effix" for "ethics". She then said that Mr Koestler was going to interview some of the applicants at the Hôtel Montalembert in a few days' time: I was to be there at 5 pm.

The most suitable clothes to wear for the interview would be clerical grey, so I put on my grey coat and skirt, a paler grey pullover and a grey beret. I was determined to get the job. I walked to the Hôtel Montalembert. In an effort to make up for having been half an hour late for the first interview I was now half an hour early.

He seemed doubtful whether I would be right for the job

I sat down at the table with Mr Koestler, and saw a tired-looking man with red rings under his eyes. He did not say any polite, reassuring words. He explained that Mrs Woodward was going to be away for the summer and he needed somebody to take her place. It would be a temporary job. The summer seemed an interminably long time, so I was quite content with this arrangement. His manner was unnervingly direct. All conventionalities were brushed aside; he only said what he meant.

"Do you think you'll be able to do the job?" he asked. "You don't seem to have much self-confidence." I silently agreed with him. I blushed easily, an annoying trait that had afflicted me from the age of seventeen. He asked me if I would like a drink, but I said no. He urged me again, but I was adamant, so he ordered one for himself. He looked displeased. I had done the wrong thing, I could see, but it was too late to change my mind. I always refused hospitality when I was feeling shy. He seemed doubtful whether I would be the right person for the job and decided to try me out for a day. He was driving back to his house at Fontaine-le-Port, near Fontainbleu, the following morning. I was to meet him at the flat of friends and we would drive there together. He would give me some letters to type and decide if I would do.

In the morning, clutching my handkerchief and benzedrine inhaler to keep the hayfever at bay, I went to the flat near the Opéra. We started at once, but, before leaving Paris, Mr Koestler had some shopping to do in the Galeries Lafayette, which was nearby. He strode through the shop at great speed, heading for the garden furniture department upstairs, where he asked for two rubber lilos in dark blue. These were produced and he bought them. We charged out of the shop in a matter of minutes and headed for the car.

The sun was shining and the countryside looked like those idyllic paintings I had seen in the Jeu de Paume. I could not think of a single word to say and he remained silent. He drove very fast along those straight, empty French roads, lined with trees sometimes forming a green tunnel. At last I said "This car goes well," and he replied tersely, "It's got good brakes." I wondered vaguely, as one sometimes does, what would he be like in bed; but such a thought seemed beyond any stretch of the imagination.

Before we arrived he told me that he had unexpected guests for lunch – a former girlfriend, Daphne, and her husband. His house, Verte Rive, was set back a little from a narrow road. Trees shaded the gravel drive. As we walked round the front, I wondered if he had any children. I knew that his wife was away at the time, in England. To my relief, there was no sound of childish voices, only the welcoming bark of his magnificent boxer dog, Sabby, in his outside kennel. The garden sloped down from the house to a landing stage on the Seine. The river looked wide and peaceful. On the opposite bank the forest stretched endlessly as far as one could see.

Soon the guests came. Daphne had dark eyes with a slightly melancholy expression. Her manner was matter of fact, a little brusque, and she did not hesitate to speak her mind. She was a sculptress. Her husband, Henri Henrion, was an industrial designer. The food was brought in by a grumpy old woman dressed in black, called Madame Grandin. We had black pudding, followed by a black stew and a salad of greasy, dark green lettuce leaves. The guests raved about the food, particularly the salad, and Madame Grandin was pronounced a treasure.

After lunch, we climbed into a large rowing boat and Mr Koestler rowed us across the river to the Forest of Fontainebleu on the other side. We walked through the trees until a clearing was found, spread out rugs and sat down in the shade. Nobody said very much. After a few minutes, Mr Koestler fell asleep. He lay on his back, his eyes tightly closed, breathing quietly. I did not feel sleepy at all and neither did the Henrions. They asked me questions about myself, where I came from and where I was living in Paris. As quickly as he fell asleep, Mr Koestler was awake again. We returned to the house and the guests departed for Paris.

HIS STORY



Their first day's work: on the river near Fontainbleu in 1949.

The first impression I gained of the young applicant for the job of part-time secretary during that interview in the lobby of the Hotel Montalembert was one of extreme shyness. In her written application she had given her age as twenty-two, but she looked and behaved rather as if she was eighteen. More important, from my professional point of view, was a quality in her of unobtrusiveness, almost of self-effacement, which promised well for putting me into the relaxed state of mind I have always needed for dictating letters or editing versions of rough manuscript drafts. To achieve that relaxed state, I must have a certain rapport with the person who takes the dictation. She must look neither bored nor too keen, nor impatient when I get stuck (which happens all the time, for I am a painfully slow writer). Miss Cynthia May Jefferies, from Pretoria, South Africa, had, I intuitively felt, the necessary qualities to establish such rapport. And anyway, it was only a matter of two months. (As of today, the "matter" has lasted for thirty-three years.)

Mr Koestler did not feel much like doing letters. He dug a few out of a file and dictated six short, one-sentence replies. His study was on the first floor, his desk by the window, looking on to the Seine. When I had typed them, he read them through and signed them. It had not been much of a test of my abilities. He said so too, and reluctantly decided to take me on. I was to come out by train for two days a week. The next date was arranged and he drove me to the nearby railway station of Fontaine-le-Port. I sat on a bench on the platform, waiting for the train. It was a tiny French country station, deserted, with a row of pollarded trees on each side of the line. From where I sat I could see the bend of the river. The hay fever bout was worse than ever and frequent sniffing of the benzedrine inhaler did not help much. I felt uneasy about my new job. Mr Koestler startled me. I did not know what he would say next. Every time he addressed a word to me I nearly jumped out of my skin. But it was only for two months after all. Nevertheless, I began to wish that it was over.

There was plenty of work to be done when I arrived. In the morning I took down replies to letters – letters to publishers, to literary agents, to friends and to readers. In the afternoon I typed them and, when I left about 5pm, took them with me to post in Paris.

One day, to my surprise, Arthur asked me to stay on for dinner: he was expecting friends from England who were going to spend the night, and he needed "moral support". I wondered how my presence could possibly give support of any kind. The friends were Hamish Hamilton, the publisher, and his wife, Yvonne, their son, Alastair, an enchanting little boy of eight, and a nanny or governess.

He urged everybody to swallow the drink in one gulp

We sat down to an orgiastic meal at the candlelit dining table. Soup, followed by fish and entrée, were brought in by Madame Grandin – that old scarecrow, as Arthur called her. White and red wine were in abundance. The conversation was animated – it seemed like a dream to me. The guests were enjoying the kind of food and wine which could not be had in England, where food rationing was even more severe than during the war. After the meat course they began to feel that they could take no more and apologetically explained to their host that they were no longer in training after living in puritan England. At this point Arthur said he would give them something which would miraculously dispel the feeling of overeating; it would burn a passage into their gullets and they would be able to enjoy the rest of the meal. He paused dramatically; it was called, he said, a "*trou Normand*". He then produced four little glasses and filled them up with calvados. He urged everybody to follow his example and swallow the drink in one gulp. The effect would be immediate. It was impossible to resist such gentle persuasion and the guests, no doubt in trepidaton, did not try to do so. I am sorry to say that the *trou Normand* had the promised effect only on the host, who contunued alone to eat and drink with relish. At the end of dinner (Fontainebleau ice cream and champagne) the Hamiltons quickly retired to bed.

The summer of 1949 was a glorious one and it produced one of the great vintages of wine. In my memory it never seemed to rain; the pale, northern European sun shone, and the visitors to Verte Rive – English, American, central European and French – sat around on the landing stage, talking and drinking champagne, which was cooled in the river; they swam in the Seine or took Sabby for walks in the forest. I often heard Arthur speak, during political arguments over dinner, with a passionate clarity which, I fervently felt, could move mountains. My train journeys to Fontaine-le-Port were light-hearted ones, and the return trips to Paris sad; Arthur's Canadian canoe had a sail and he taught himself to sail it with a book in one hand and the other on the rudder.

A Romanian friend asked me if he carried a gun and was surprised to hear that he did not. Surely, he said, there must be an electrified fence round the house. There was none and the front gates were always open. But I did notice that when I came into his study after lunch to wake him from his short siesta, he always woke with a start.

The reason for my friend's concern was, of course, that Arthur Koestler had become a very controversial name in France. *Darkness at Noon*, which was first published in England in 1940, was only published by Calmann-Lévy in France, under the title of *Le Zero e l'Infini*, after the war. The communists bought up all the copies they could find in bookshops and burned them. Bravely Calmann-Lévy decided to reprint. The result was that, between editions, the book sold at black market prices. It made a tremendous impression, and everybody in France knew about the book and the name of its author. That was why I had to post all the letters in Paris. Nothing was ever posted in the village of Fontaine-le-Port as the clerks at the little post office were said to be members of the Communist Party. Only letters to personal friends were typed on writing paper headed with the address. All other letters bore the address, "c/o A. D. Peters", who was Arthur's literary agent.

Fontaine-le-Port was in the Brie country. Nearby were le Châtelet-en-Brie and Brie-Comte-Robert, a very pretty village. Alas, all the good Brie went to Paris and only shrivelled old stuff could be found in the region. Arthur was fond of cheese, particularly *chèvre*, and he was quick to notice that there was never any cheese on my plate.

"Koestler", he said to me, "has a very bad reputation"

"Have some," he said, pushing the board towards me.

"I never eat cheese," I said, feeling rather proud of my strange taste.

"Come on," he urged impatiently. "Try it."

It was a great mistake to say that, because he now became determined to convert me. How could anybody not like cheese? I must try it because he knew I would like it. In the end I had to give in and from then on I always had cheese. I suffered from this disarming bullying when it came to sausages too, which I used to hate.

One evening in Paris my Romanian friend told me that friends of the poet, Supervielle, had talked about Arthur with him. "Koestler," he said to me sternly, "has a very bad reputation." I said nothing. Anyway, it was too late.

During August, Arthur's wife, Mamaine, returned from England. They had been living together for about five years. People who were married that long, I was sure, must be quite bored with each other. This was not the case with them. But in between the long, peaceful and happy times there were occasional rows.

The first row I witnessed tookplace during lunch. I can only remember wanting to sink beneath the dining-room table. I could not bear to see them quarrelling.

One morning I arrived at Verte Rive to find a blast being turned on me. An important letter had been wrongly addressed and returned to the sender. Arthur produced the envelope. I could see it had not been typed by me and said so. As Arthur went off to find Mamaine and vent his feelings on her, I realised what I had done. I should have taken the blame – how could I have been such an idiot? But Mamaine did not hold it against me.

After the sybaritic summer, Arthur went on a diet for the first time in his life. This made work all but impossible. The hours dragged by and he kept glancing at his watch with a woeful half-guilty smile. I could not help laughing at him and he liked being mocked. On a beautiful sunny day he declared we should all have a treat and go on a picnic. We climbed into the boat and headed up river. On a grassy bank we unpacked the picnic. Mamaine and I had some terrine, chunks of bread and *cantal* – the sort of French food which tastes so delicious when you eat it out of doors. Arthur's lunch, according to the diet, consisted of radishes. There was not even any butter to go with them and he was particularly fond of that cheap, prix fixe hors d'oeurve, *radis au beurre*. He looked at the radishes and frowned. Were they supposed to be for him? He turned to Mamaine and gazed at her accusingly. The countryside looked golden in the sunlight and the birds were singing to split their throats. "But how on earth can you expect one to eat nothing but a lot of radishes!" he cried in exasperation. We ate our picnic and rowed back to Vert Rive in gloomy silence. The rows always seemed to be on trivial matters and my sympathies were always with Mamaine. Paradoxical as it may seem, this in no way changed my feelings towards Arthur.

Stranger on the Square *by Arthur and Cynthia Koestler. Published by Hutchinson next Monday £9.95.*



moreover... Miles Kington

Colouring in the words

Here is an entire news item which appeared in *The Times* on February 8. "British Telecom yesterday opened the world's first international digital colour video conference service with Canada."

Apart from thinking to yourself as you read it that it's nice to see adjectives outnumber any other part of speech, you probably didn't think anything at all. You probably let it slide right past you. At most, you may have felt an urge to pat British Telecom on his head, like a parent being shown a child's first novel, and murmur: "That's nice, dear."

This is because you didn't understand a word of it: A large part of the English language today is comprehensible only to children who read more than two computer magazines a month, or to adults who live on a line between London and Bristol (the so-called silicon gap). Technology is moving so fast that many sentences actually become obsolete as you utter them. As an educational service to readers, I propose today to go through that sentence above, word by word, explaining each one. This is your last chance. Please pay attention.

British Telecom: A new name given to any part of the Post Office that makes a profit. It is short for British Telecommunications, a name that has never actually been used, but this is all part of the process of trade name abbreviation, a scientific theory which states that if your name becomes shorter, it sounds more efficient. So the General Post Office becomes the Post Office, British Railways become British Rail and Anthony Wedgwood Benn becomes Tony Benn.

Sooner or later the name cannot get any shorter, and then it suddenly is changed for a longer one, like British Telecom, which will go through the same cycle all over again. We can soon expect Britrail, Telecom, even Tonbenn.

Yesterday: A word used by journalists meaning "today".

Opened: A word used by PR men meaning "finally opened". Alternatively, it can mean something that was opened months ago but is only now working well enough to show the media.

The world's first: Just as everyone has unique fingerprints, so anything can be the world's first if you describe it carefully enough. The implication behind the news item in question is that there probably had been an international digital video conference service with Canada for years, *but it was in black and white.*

International: Referring to any project which is too expensive for one country alone, for example almost any BBC TV programme.

Digital: Something with fingers. Something with toes. Something without hands (i.e., a watch). The opposite of analogue. Descriptive of a poison derived from foxgloves.

Colour: A device whereby natural soothing black and white can be converted into migraine-bright red and green. A kind of television transmission whereby all Americans look suntanned, all Britons look over-made up, all products in commercials look made of plasticine and everything else seems to have wet paint on it. An excuse for Frank Muir to wear bow ties.

Video: A recent, not very good American film, which preaches that almost all injustices can be put right by going out and shooting the person responsible. A method of playing back something best forgotten. A technique for interviewing participants in a sporting event before they have thought of something to say.

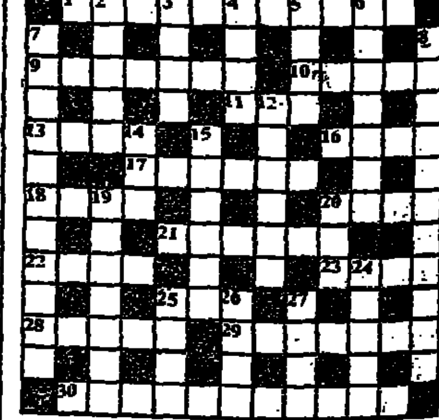
Conference: A gathering at which businessmen get very drunk. A way of meeting people you have been trying to avoid for years. A chance for TV personalities to earn thousands of pounds by getting up and doing bits of their TV shows.

Service: Something you didn't know was good for you until it was described as a service. A vehicle, as in "The 19.14 service to Paris". Something withdrawn by British Rail. An inexplicable 15 per cent addition to a bill.

To Canada: Canada is a country invented so that the Americans could have someone to feel superior to without going all the way to Europe.

So, the whole news item means . . . well, entries on a postcard to this address.

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Recommended dictionary is the New Collins Concise

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MONDAY PAGE

TALKBACK

A man about the house

From Helen C. McCarthy, Francis Road, London E10

Ian Mearns (First Person, January 18) sounds an intelligent man, and so I assume that he has fully realized the implications of his own feelings about his changed role, and understands the impossibility of returning with any degree of justice to an arrangement indentical to that formerly governing his family life.

If his self-esteem depended so entirely on being "top dog" in the family, his capacity for decision-making was governed entirely by the feeling that he had the economic power to make them binding on the rest of the family, and he so much needed the status of being the most highly-paid member of the family, how can he now inflict such diminution of self-respect on his wife?

I am sure he does not now expect her to abandon her new and fulfilling career for his personal convenience, as easily as she took it up; and so I am certain that the Mearns family will have an interesting story to tell us in a year's time. Their new life, with both parents working, will require a great deal of planning and sharing of work in the home. As Mrs Mearns has a responsible managerial position her needs at work will have to be considered as much as his. Their experiences will make fascinating reading, and I hope to have the pleasure of finding them in your columns in the future.

If, of course, I have totally misjudged the man from his words, he may assume that his "status" entitles him to insist that his job comes first and that she assumes the bulk of the responsibility for their family and its comfort. I trust it will not be so.

From Mrs Carole E. Versey, Oathill Close, Brixworth, Northants

I read Ian Mearns' account of being a househusband with great interest as many other housewives must have. How many of us have given up careers, not on a whim, but to satisfy our own and our husbands' desire to have children, maybe sacrificing many years of hard work and abandoning any hope of returning to that same career?

I too find it hard to suggest going out for a meal, conscious that the money to pay the bill has been earnt solely by my husband. It's even harder to use that money for luxuries such as clothes, hairdressing and makeup when there isn't a lot to spare.

Though always confident while employed, since becoming a housewife I have shrunk in my own estimation and have become very shy when meeting new people, although my job had brought me into contact with new people every day. Meanwhile my husband has blossomed, making new friends, always at ease and continues to progress well at his job.

It will be many years before I am able to go out into the big wide world again. My children are very young, and I'm not cut out for doing two jobs at once – my choice I know. What will that world have to offer me when I am available, I wonder? Mr Mearns, you are not alone. You have the sympathy of thousands of female dependants.

Not-so-rare help

From John Shepherd, FRCS, Well Lane, Heswall, Merseyside

There is another name for gout – podagra (Gr: a catching in the foot). Try that on your friends, Mr Franks (January 23). It will at least puzzle them, and might make them less unsympathetic.



From Frank Paton, Smocombe House, Enmore, Somerset

Congratulations to Alan Franks on his brilliantly sympathetic article. Only a gout sufferer could have written with such percipience and understanding.

As an esrtwhile sufferer I look back with a mixture of relief and nostalgia to those 15 years when I had to excuse the unavoidable limp with comments like "slipped getting off the bus". My family knew it was gout when I had to go upstairs on hands and knees, and could only go to bed by parting the sheets with the good foot, allowing the other to follow slowly and carefully, but very painfully.

Pills failed. Neither Zyloric for prevention nor butazolidone or indesit for acute outbreaks could ward off an inconvenient but determined attack.

Happily it seems this in now all in the past. Eighteen months ago I consulted a homeopathist who prescribed one day's complete starvation followed by a diet completely free of cereals of all types, tea, coffee, plums, peaches and grapes. I followed his advice assiduously and have never had a twinge of gout since.

The Hapsburg empire is no more and socialism reigns in Austria. Yet **Richard Bassett** finds Vienna still waltzing

Perpetuum mobile

Ask any Viennese what he is doing in the evening between January 1 and and Ash Wednesday (March 7) and he is likely to say he is off to a ball. This year's season of 67 days will see over 300 balls in Vienna alone, to say nothing of the countless events organized in the surrounding countryside.

The Viennese passion for balls has often been attributed to a certain easy-going, frivolous attitude to life. Ever since the Congress of Vienna in 1815, when between quadrilles and banquets monarchs redrew the map of Europe, there have been dances to brighten the grey Austrian winter.

When the Austrian Empire began to collapse in 1918, the strains of the Radetzky march still resounded in the ballrooms that every Viennese palais was lavishly equipped with. Even after the Second World War, when Vienna found itself divided between Russian, French, American and British troops, the season remained sufficiently uninterrupted to seduce the allies' officer corps, many of whom returned home in the 1950s with Austrian wives.

The dances proved no less resilient to the invasion of pop music in the 1960s. Although numbers declined by about 10 per cent at the state balls, very few Austrians found they were capable of giving up waltzes for long, and by the late 1970s the season was more packed than ever. Young Austrians are notoriously traditional and the potent nostalgia for the glitter of the Hapsburg Empire crosses all social and political frontiers.

Nothing shows this more than the diversity of the balls. On the same night that Placido Domingo opened the Vienna Philharmonic Ball in front of scores of ambassadors, the Austrian CID held its ball at the Hilton Hotel. The following week offered the competing delights of the Union of Post-workers' Ball, the underground Railway ball (music supplied by the band of the U4 metro line) and the slightly alarmingly – named Butchers' Ball.

At all of them, most of the dancing consisted of waltzes and polkas. Discotheques, where they existed, were hidden in basement dance floors never half as crowded as the main ones above. Dress varied from white-tie with decorations – though many of these turned out on closer inspection to be swimming medals – to the ubiquitous grey-green Austrian country suit.

Trying to guess who is who from the dress, however, is never easy. The Austrian Socialist Party dons white-tie almost to the last man to attend the Opera Ball, and party secretaries can be seen sharing tables with monocled counts wearing the iron cross. The so-called debs, always in white, who open the larger balls are now as likely to come from solid socialist families as from the upper echelons of the aristocracy; not that the latter keep a particularly low profile – one in every five Viennesse claims to be at least a baron.

Years of socialist government have made some of the balls political rather than society spectacles. But the Putzis and Poldis who claim to represent the flower of Central European aristocracy seem reasonably content to rub shoulders, on the dance floor at least, with the daughter of trade union managers.

Nostalgia for the balls among all strata of Viennese society is evident in the dance schools of the city. Almost every young Viennese goes to one of these academies at the age of 14. Some of the establishments are legendary. Elmeyer's in the Palais Pallavicini was founded by an Austrian colonel whose right leg had been blown off by Russian artillery in the First World War.

Before 1914, Willy Elmeyer had been one of the best dancers in the Empire. After the war, he devoted his energies to teaching – and not only the art of dancing. All Elmeyer's pupils were and still are rigidly schooled in the rules of etiquette. Rare is the Austrian girl who can light her own cigarette or remove her own coat in the company of its professionally charming male pupils. Unfortunately this sensitivity to the Austrian girl's wishes in the ballroom goes hand in hand with a highly traditional view of her role in society. For the Viennese, the career woman is still an eccentric novely.

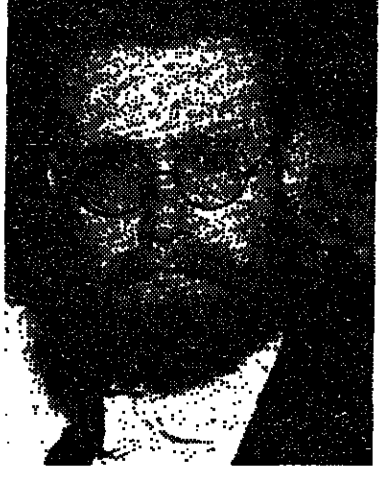
But the hand-kissing young men, apathetically pursuing the seduction of whichever girls come their way pales in comparison with the crush for hot-dogs, usual fare even at the grandest balls. By two in the morning the queue for the mustard can resemble scenes more usually associated with the railway station at Sarajevo.

This sudden contempt for the human person is caused partly by the extortionate prices often charged for refreshments. The cost of drinks can easily be twice that of the tickets, which are between £3 and £20. Only the Johann's Club (a rather down-at-heel versions of the Garrick) has resisted this unpleasant custom, offering dinner and breakfast in a castle near Vienna, for about £12.

The balls can also lose some of their charm by the morning. The hapless Viennese get up so early for work that a 6 am stroll through the metropolis is like walking down Piccadilly in the rush hour. As a result few Austrians see these dancers through to sunrise. Those that do seem more intent on pocketing the flower arrangements than savouring last moments.

But despite the bruises, torn dresses and empty wallets, the temptation to repeat the experience within at least a week is usually irresistible. And while few Viennese can match the Czar of Russia, who danced during the congress of Vienna for 40 consecutive nights, most will have visited at least a dozen balls by the end of the season.

In step with tradition: a packed opening at the Technical Circle Ball



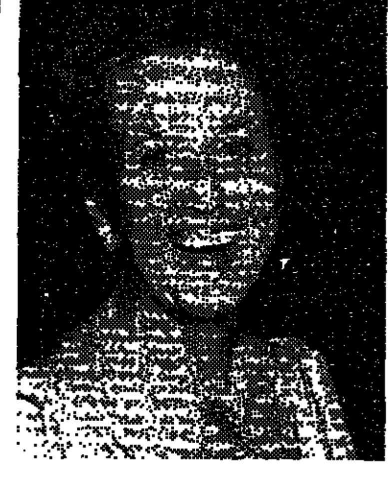
Dr Albert Pethös, *biologist*:
I've organized various balls for the last five years. I don't dance but it is the tradition which is important. We once ruled half of Europe and these occasions are almost all we have left from imperial days. Gate-crashing? Of course it happens now and then, but now it's not so easy. At the Technical Circle Ball we have phalanxes of men guarding all the entrances most strictly. No one can get in without a ticket.



Elizabeth Schimdt, *secretary*:
I've never opened a ball but it doesn't matter, you just dance. I often have to guide the men because they are always bumping into people on the floor, but when you have a good dancer, the walzes can be really romantic. It's best if you go in a party, because it's not easy if you're a girl and alone; you usually end up with some poor boy who cannot afford to buy any drinks or even a frankfurter, and that's boring.



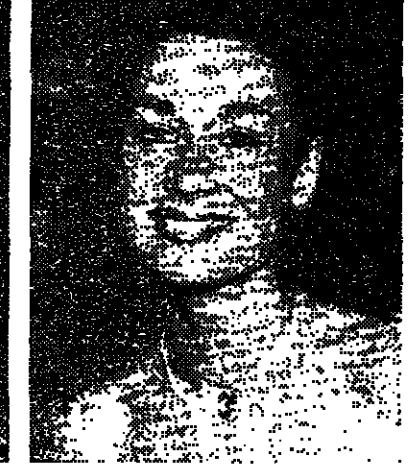
Prince Johannes "Poldi" von Schwarzenberg, *musician*:
I've been crashing balls ever since I was 15. It's terribly dull not to, and the people on the door are usually so stupid that anyone can walk in by using their imagination. Pretending to be a musician is one ruse, but some people say they're the German Ambassador's son, which if your use the right accent always works. Besides, the price of a ball ticket is so high these days that one has to make certain economies somewhere.



Hannalaurie Manne, *mother*:
I opened this ball in 1951 and I try to come to it every year, even though I now live in Italy. In the 1950s, the atmosphere was of course very different – we still had the Russian army in the streets, and people generally were much friendlier. We were all so poor, everyone was sticking together; the counts, the pianists, the waiters. Now they are all still here but they have nothing to say to each other.



Richard Tither, *English teacher*:
I don't usually go in for this sort of thing in London. But there's no way you're going to find a Viennese girl who doesn't. Of course, finding anyone who is remotely unconventional in this city is pretty difficult. The girls just measure out their lives in gold wrist-watches, and the men – well, as Osbert Lancaster said, few display the IQ of a mentally-underprivileged member of the Bullindon.



Nicole Grois, *medical student*:
I've opened many balls this season, which is a great privilege. We are chosen from the tap dancing schools, although it certainly helps if your parents order a box for the night. Sometimes your mother may have opened the ball or sometimes your boyfriend's father is on the patron's committee. But at least it has nothing to do with titles – it's no longer just the sons and daughters of aristocrats.

Penny Perrick

Don't worry, you're still Germa(i)ne

Dear Germaine Greer,

Please don't take on so. You have nothing to reproach yourself for, even if you think you have. I want to tell you this, since you are currently publicly rueing the day that you helped to change women's lives, my own included.

It is quite true, as you say, that women are in a mess, and that the sexual revolution you once advocated is partly to blame. But I think you've forgotten something, which is that we were all in a far worse mess before you sat down to write *The Female Eunuch*.

Just ask any woman who was around at the time. If she is honest, she will remind you how difficult life was when chastity was *de rigeur*, as you now seem to wish it to be again. What happened was this: young men, knowing how important it was for young women to remain chaste, did their darnedest to ensure that they didn't. Every Saturday night, up and down the country, on every sofa in the land, you could hear the following:

"Please".
"No".
"Why not?"
"Because it's wrong".
"If you loved me, you would".
(Anguished pause.)
"But it's not right . . ."

This weekly skirmish was called the sex war, and the battle continued to rage until you substituted the sexual revolution, which held that one could if one wanted to. After the first heady free-for-all, which, in its way, caused as much suffering as the enforced chastity which it replaced, things settled down quite nicely. Your teachings began to be interpreted as: one didn't have to if one didn't want to. As a recent magazine poll showed, there is very little promiscuity about, and more than a few calmly happy relationships which owe their pleasantly undramatic relationship to the fact that people need no longer fear disapproval nor unwanted pregnancies.

I know you have spent a lot of time with babies lately, but have you come across any teenagers? If so, you must have noticed that the Saturday night sofa conversation is no more. Instead, young men and women are free to watch television, with all the lights on. They have a "take it or leave it" attitude to sex, and some of them choose to leave it. This is called The New Chastity and it's more wholesome than the old, forced kind that you are now so nostalgic about. The New Chastity may be the result of a pendulum swing against the kind of sexual freedom you once preached and, if it is, you should be very pleased with yourself.

You also lament the spread of contraception, which has encouraged women to limit their families, with the result that, when pregnant, they feel like outlandish freaks. You compare our own offhand treatment of child-rearing with more traditional societies that honour childbirth and love children.

But contraception isn't the cause of our hostile attitudes. Even during times such as the Victorian era, when family life was given new importance, children were badly treated. I doubt whether there was ever a time when English babies were loved with passionate devotion and when the adult world revolved around their needs.

You are a romantic woman, as you admit, and it is typical of you to mourn a pro-maternal society which never existed. Since it doesn't, bringing up children is a tough business, and it seems fair that it should be limited to those who feel they can handle it.

Should you still regret the current state of affairs, I suggest you ask the next dozen or so women you meet whether they would rather have their own problems or those their mothers once had. I guarantee that none of them will choose their mothers'. That they lead the lives they do is due partly to you. Thank you, Germaine, on behalf of us all.

PARIS DIARY

by Frank Johnson

Revolving again

Although it cannot start for two years, the authorities on the subject, disinterested or otherwise, already cannot resist giving their views on what to do about the "instability" caused by the French constitution.

Since the Gaullist return or 1958, and the resultant creation of the durable Fifth Republic, the British have had to stop being scornful of French constitutions. For the preceding 150 years or so, they could be mocked either for their short duration, or for the fact that, even when the constitutions were long lasting, the terms of office of their prime ministers were not. It was a staple of British humour about foreign affairs. A caption to one of those elaborate drawings in the leaden pages of a Victorian *Punch* would run something like: "Lady in Hatchards, of Piccadilly: 'Could I have a copy of the French constitution?' Gentleman behind counter: 'I am sorry, Madam. We do not stock periodicals'."

The present constitution put a stop to such revels. Under it, parliament cannot easily vote out the government. The government's relation to parliament is similar to that in Britain. But, as has been much commented on from the start, the constitution has a twist. As in the United States, the president and the legislature are elected at separate times and for separate terms. Yet, unlike in the United States, the ministers carrying out the president's policy sit in the legislature, under a prime minister, and must sustain a majority in it. What happens when presidents on the parliamentary majority are from opposing parties? – the situation which could well arise after the parliamentary elections of 1986, when the socialists could lose two years before the next presidential election. It would be wrong to assume that this is some sort of flaw which the Fifth Republic's founder failed to spot. One of his men, M Chaban-Delmas, has just implied in an interview that De Gaulle deliberately left the ambiguity. A theory is that he did not feel able to break the French democracy's tradition of a potentially powerful legislature. The return to the golden age of revolving prime ministers could start with M Mitterrand, his Socialist Party having lost control of Parliament in 1986, inviting a non-Socialist to form a government of the centre.

M Barre, the last non-Socialist prime minister, is apparently saying that no non-Socialist should accept the commission, and that M Mitterrand should be forced to resign and call a new presidential election. M Barre's colleagues of the opposition are not all so high minded. Some are letting it be known that they would make the sacrifice of accepting the post, there being no shortage of potential French prime ministers. This is a subject to which we hope to return.

Keeping time with the Metrognomes

A true Metro station has (in addition to a sculpted, iron art nouveau entrance and a lyrical, double-barrelled name formed by the junction of two streets) its musicians. Against the white lavatorial tiles of the corridors are, as well as boring guitarists, pleasing flautists, trumpeters, violinists – even, the other day, a woman in concert dress with a full sized harp. Often the musicians take to the train – though not, so far, the lady and her harp. If she does manage to struggle into a carriage, there must be high hopes of a grand piano being winched aboard, followed by a gentleman in tails, somewhere between Madeleine and Sèvres-Babylon. Thus inspired, a small symphony orchestra could then be expected to start a ride somewhere between Réamur-Sabastopol and Denfert-Rochereau. At the moment, it is mainly guitarists.

Notices urge us neither to be entertainers ourselves nor to give them any money. My policy on money is strict. If all the singers offer us is the usual 1960s, mid-Atlantic moaning about the times that are a'changing or that bridge which should have collapsed into its troubled waters long ago, they get nothing. Anyone can perform that stuff. But French, Spanish, and other repertoires deriving from a homogeneous culture are rewarded. British Metro performers tend, sadly, to be mid-Atlanticists. One sub-Dylanesque youth wailing into my ear revealed a Geordie accent when he asked for his money, and got nothing. Had he offered "The Blaydon Races", he would have got his four francs. This policy, I am pleased to see, appeared also to be that of the indigenous Parisian travellers.

BARRY FANTONI

THE TIMES
BARBICAN SHOWS AMERICAN FOLK ART

"I wonder if it includes any of Reagan's speeches"

Towards a one-party state?

Robert Mugabe, the Zimbabwe Prime Minister, gives an undertaking that the Lancaster House constitution will only be changed constitutionally – and defends his government's use of preventive detention in the face of continuing unrest

There has been considerable discussion in Zimbabwe about the eventual desirability of a one-party state. It is our impression that the overwhelming majority of our people would like to see its establishment. However, the constitutionally entrenched section of the Declaration of Rights relating to the protection of freedom of assembly and association says:

> Except with his own consent or by way of parental discipline, no person shall be hindered in the enjoyment of his freedom of assembly and association, that is to say, his right to assemble freely and associate with other persons and in particular *to form or belong to political parties* or trade unions or other associations for the protection of his interests.

I must make it clear that in view of our commitmeent to constitutional government, we do not intend to tear up this or any other section of the constitution. We cannot amend this section without the support of "all the Members of the House of Assembly" before April 18 1990.

However, it may be that a *de facto* one-party state will come into being before those ten years are completed. If that happens as a result of elections, it would be the wish of the electors which we would be obliged to respect.

There are many arguments in favour of the one-party state. As a newly independent country, Zimbabwe requires above all national unity, stability, and economic development. We believe that the one-party state is the most effective mode of unity to give the necessary conditions for stability and economic development. Inter-party bickering only undermines the ability of the nation to organize the supreme effort required to give the economic necessities of life to all our people.

However, we are strictly bound by the terms of the constitution and whether a one-party state evolves *de facto*, or is, when it is constitutional so to do, introduced *de jure* after full consultation with the people, is a matter for the future.

We believe that the best protection of minority rights is in regarding each individual of such minority as having the same rights as any individual of the majority. Hence, we favour the concept of the Declaration of Rights in principle and are very happy that we already have such a declaration in our constitution. What we cannot accept and have only tolerated hitherto is constitutionally entrenched minority representation as such in Parliament. While we found such entrenched racialism obnoxious, we compromised on this matter so as to end the bitter liberation struggle and to secure our independence.

Our aim at the Lancaster House Conference was to achieve our independence and to end the liberation war. Accordingly, and with great reluctance, we compromised and accepted the United Kingdom Summary of the Independence Constitution. We prefer that our white citizens become Members of Parliament on the same basis as other citizens, namely, popularity in a constituency.

As far as we are concerned, *all* citizens are Zimbabweans. The slate is wiped clean and foolish are those who seek special privileges. The Declaration of Rights affords the necessary protection of everybody, majority and minority alike.

Whilst as an executive we by no means always agree with the decisions of our judges, our constitution requires and has ensured an independent judiciary. Experience shows that we indeed have an independent judiciary. Of the three major constitutional cases which have gone to our Supreme Court, the court upheld the executive's case in *Hewlett* v *Minister of Finance and Another*, whilst finding against the executive in both *Minister of Home Affairs* v *Dabengwa and Another*, and *Minister of Home Affairs* v *York and Another*.

In a number of security-related cases, the judges have acquitted the accused, the most recent being *The State* v *Slatter and Others* where Mr Justice Dumbutshena ruled the confessions of the accused were inadmissible, and consequently acquitted the Air Force officers.

Some members of the executive have publicly criticized some of these decision by our judges; but the government as such has ignored these criticisms, preferring to treat them as the exercise by those concerned of their freedom of speech. The government has not, *qua* the government, by word or deed interfered with the independence of the judiciary.

Our reluctant use of the preventive detention provisions in our constitution has been the subject of comment around the world. My ministers and I yield to no one in our dislike of detention. I was myself a detaineee for a decade and other ministers were detained for even longer periods.

However, our government is charged with the security of the nation, which is still under a state of emergency. The combination of the destabilization efforts of South Africa, and the activities of dissidents and bandits in some parts of Zimbabwe have necessitated a continuous state of emergency in Zimbabwe since independence. Examples of grave security matters include the discovery of vast arms caches in Matabeleland and the Midlands, sabotage of a large number of our aeroplanes, the destruction of the ruling party's headquarters by bombs, the murder of civilians in Matabeleland and the assassination of the South Africa ANC representative in Harare.

In some cases, we have found it essential to resort to preventive detention. In a few cases, the national interest has forced us to detain individuals who are likely to engage in activities prejudicial to public security subsequent to their acquittal by the courts. Where we have detained people we have done so reluctantly and as a last resort. The detainees have been availed of their full rights.

For example, their cases are reviewed by an impartial and independent review tribunal appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Judicial Service Commission which is headed by the Chief Justice. The tribunal can recommend the release of the detainee, which recommendation is binding on the executive unless the President otherwise directs. In all the cases to date in which the tribunal has recommended the release of detainees, they have been released, and the President has not used his power to direct otherwise.

I stress that our constitution is British rather than Zimbabwean in origin. Despite this, I promised at Lancaster House on behalf of my party, Zanu (PF), "to abide by the terms of the independence constitution", and that promise has been and will be kept.

We will amend our constitution only where we believe that a better system of government and representation of people should be introduced and/or the lot of Zimbabweans will thereby be improved. In any such cases, we shall amend our constitution only in the manner provided for in the constitution itself.

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Stephen Brook gets Networked with the yippie who changed tack

So this is what happened to Jerry Rubin





Left, the screaming, yelling days. Right, Rubin the successful, effusive but elusive.

New York

Remember the Chicago Seven? Probably not; but for some it still has totemic significance that in 1969 a handful of radicals and yippies were prosecuted by the US government under the 1969 Anti-Riot Act. This made it a federal offence to cross state lines with the intention of inciting or participating in a riot, which was generously defined as a group of at least three people threatening to injure people or property. With laws like that on the statute book, you can prosecute anybody, but the Nixon law machine picked some stout opponents when it threw the book at Abbie Hoffman, Tom Hayden, and five others.

These men were radicals of varying degrees of seriousness; those of a more frivolous bent had a gift for self-dramatization that was bound to turn the trial into a splendid media event. They were unwittingly aided and abetted by the judge, Julius Hoffman, who was ignorant and autocratic and insulting; Hoffman not only imposed jail sentences on all the defendants but also sentenced the defence lawyers to up to four years for contempt.

But, as the newspapers like to ask, where are they now? Well, Hayden is enmeshed in more conventional California politics, and Jerry Rubin (who, according to the prosecution, "screamed and yelled for people to kill everybody") has now trimmed his beard and runs the Business Networking Salon.

I'd hate to put words into Jerry's mouth, so let him speak for himself (text taken from Rubin's essayette in the brochure *The Networking Concept*): "Hi, I'm Jerry Rubin. You and the most interesting person you know are invited to The Business Neworking Salon "Every Wednesday" at Studio 54. From 5 to 10pm the music is in the backround and the lights are bright. Studio 54 becomes your living room. People wear business tags, and are encouraged by the environment to meet each other. You're *supposed* to ask people what they do, exchange business cards, and suggest lunch to your most interesting contacts.

"The people you meet may transform your business or personal life – or introduce you to someone else who does. Business Networking creates a support system for us to translate your financial and personal dreams into reality."

This invitation induces hundreds of rising and falling careerists – indeed anyone with sufficient status to possess a business card – to queue up after a hard Wednesday at the office in order to spend an hour or three making business contacts. They may be "invited" by Jerry Rubin, but as he thoughtfully adds, "Admission $8 with this Salon Card and your business card".

Satisfied customers may progress to the day-long seminar *How to Network Successfully* for just $45. "You will discover how you can promote yourself and participate in Business Networking – the best tool for a business person in the 1980s; a period Jerry Rubin calls 'The Decade of Achievement'." He adds: "Be sure to bring a handful of business cards. You will learn to turn every day into a Networking opportunity."

I phoned the Networking number and explained that I was a British writer of an inquiring turn of mind.

"Sure, you really ought to go along and see for yourself. I'll tell you what I'll do. I'm going to put your name on our list."

"Tremendous. How kind."

"Come along to the Studio any time after 5.30 and don't forget to bring your business card and eight dollars."

"As I'm a reporter, don't you think I could be admitted without ..."

"I'm sorry, we can't do that."

"I don't have a business card."

"No problem. Look, you're going to have a wonderful time and you'll make all sorts of useful contacts."

At 6.30 the following Wednesday I arrived at the studio and forked out. As for a business card, I always carry some defunct cards with me, like false passports. I dropped an old favourite into the bucket provided and went in search of Rubin.

There he was, a stocky little fellow, perky, straight-backed, a red buttonhole erupting from his lapel. I introduced myself. He knew who I was, and greeted me cheerily.

"Can I have a word with you?"

"Sure. Get rid of your coat and come and talk."

I was puzzled. I am one of those rare creatures who can converse and hold a coat at the same time. I didn't see the point of queuing for 10 minutes at the cloakroom only to have to search afresh for Rubin.

"Where will I find you?"

"On the floor. I'm around. I'm easy to find. You've found me already." He smiled at his excursion into logic.

I walked off. This upstart wasn't going to tell me what to do with my sodding coat. I testily threw it into a dark corner, reflecting that it was OK for Rubin to be elusive, or for him to be effusive, but it was bad form to be both at the same time.

With lava in my veins, I glared round me, reading the lapel tags as they flitted by: photographer, financial services, calligrapher, producer at physicians' radio network, chiropractor, financial reporting for Colgate-Palmolive. On tables stacks of business cards were laid out. Looking for a wild-life photographer? No problem, there are two or three over here, take their cards. What a service? Though you can get it for nothing by checking the Yellow Pages.

A tall gangly youth approached and peered at my badge. I peered back. His name was Gregory, he was a pianist and composer. We shook hands, and instantly we Networked, just like that, first time around.

"A writer? Oh, that's great. I'm looking for a writer. Ever written a musical?"

"No."

"That's too bad. I'm looking for someone to write the lyrics."

"On what subject?"

"I don't know yet. It's kinda open."

"I don't think I can help you much. Maybe a libretto some day, but I wouldn't be ideal for a musical."

"That's too bad. Still, you don't know till you've tried."

"Is this your first time?"

"Yup. It's hard for me to scrape up eight dollars –"

"Know what you mean," I growled.

"– and I had to skip dinner, but I think it's just terrific."

"You do? Wouldn't you rather have dinner than search a roomful of financial analysts and chiroactors for a songwriter?"

"No. I think it's great to be able to meet all these people like this. You can just walk up to anyone ... All these contacts, it's fantastic, and all for eight dollars. Fantastic. You know something, to me it's worth eighty".

I went in search of Rubin again. He was just sliding away from a small group of truss manufacturers. On seeing me, he slung a thick arm round my shoulder.

"Hi, Stephen. How you doing? Having a good time?"

"Wonderful. Can I take you aside for a couple of questions?"

He looked at me in horror. "I can't do an interview *now*. I'm *working*."

"So am I."

"I'm sorry. It just isn't possible. Here's my card, though, call me at my office any time tomorrow. I'll be there all day, happy to answer any questions you may have. This is my direct number."

Overwhelmed at having his direct number, I slunk away. By now the floor of the studio was crowded, perhaps 300 or so, many young women and rather older men, probably hoping to get laid rather than expecting a new career. A wan woman brushed by me and I glanced at the tag on her bosom: college professor. Now what could she possibly be looking for at Studio 54? Students? But she had disappeared before I could ask her. Gregory too had vanished; perhaps he'd met the lyricist of his dreams and they'd gone back to his place in Queens to make sweet music. By the bar I heard a woman ask a thirtyish man: "Are you married?"

My dislike deepened for the premise of the salon: that what you do is more important than who you are. Moreover the crowd there consisted almost entirely of Indians, with hardly a chief in sight.

The next day I phoned my pal Jerry. Couldn't talk, too busy. Try again in five minutes, then he'd give me all the time I wanted. Busy again. And so on throughout the day. The next day I did get through, and he apologized for having been so tied up. I began with a few innocuous questions to warm him up, and received properly innocuous answers. He confirmed that Networking had begun as a scheme of private parties in his home to which he had invited interesting people to meet each other.

I launched into the biggie. "I'm going to ask you a question you're probably sick of hearing. But I'll ask it anyway. How come you've made this shift from opposing the capitalist system to devising an organization that in many respects bolsters that system?"

"You're right that I'm not happy with that question. To answer it properly would take hours, and I'm not about to have a philosophical discussion. Also, your question makes too many assumptions, both about what I'm doing now and what I was doing then."

"I understand that. But I'm sure you understand that I could hardly fail to ask this question. Besides, I'm curious."

"Yes, but your assumptions are all wrong –"

"Clarify them."

"They're wrong, and it's not a question I'm going to answer."

"OK. What are your plans? Where do you go from here?"

"I have no plans. I think at the moment I'm satisfying a need, and I'm sure something will develop from that eventually."

"Would you go international?"

"Maybe. But I have no plans."

"And I have no more questions. Thank you."

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Anne Sofer

Going to the back of the class

Two recent encounters, happening by chance within hours of each other, have caused me to reflect again on some prevalent myths about class, politics and education.

The first occasion was most civilized, in an old-world sense. Deep carpet, elegant Georgian windows near a park somewhere, a glass of dry sherry: and a genial companion trying to persuade me that my party (the SDP) should take a far more supportive and positive attitude to the independent schools. "You don't realize," he urged, "our parents are your potential supporters: it's an important constituency for you."

I demurred. Quite apart from the merits of the case (which I leave aside to discuss on another occasion), his argument was faulty. Only 6 per cent of the population send their children to independent schools – so it was hardly a huge constituency for any party. And all the evidence about the Alliance vote indicates that, unlike support for the other parties, it is evenly spread across the social classes.

I think I won the argument, but later that day it came back at me from another direction. This time the circumstances were by no means as comfortable: I was on the platform at the Royal Festival Hall, addressing a rally called to protest against the Government's proposal to abolish the GLC, cap the London rates and reorganize the ILEA, and doing so against a background of hissing, jeering and booing from sections of the audience who clearly did not want this to be an all-party occasion.

I followed a contribution from a parent from Southwark who spoke movingly about the damage that education cuts would cause: I had agreed with every word of her speech until near the end, when she said: "Of course the middle classes won't suffer, the middle classes of Dulwich and Hampstead will be all right ...." Not so, I told the audience, once the opening cacophony had died down. I had been to plenty of meetings in schools in Hampstead full of parents from all social classes desperately anxious about what was about to happen to their children's education. Many ILEA schools were very socially mixed, and that was a strength not a weakness ....

That, of course, started the racket up again with renewed energy: roars of outrage that such a vision of the open society should be allowed to pollute the Day of Action. (The Trotskyist paper *Newline* boasted in its next edition of the "class hostility" that had greeted my remarks.)

It is a myth that there are no, or very few, children from middle-class families in state schools. The statistics tell another story. Even of the Registrar General's top social class (higher administrative and professional, large landowners) only 30 per cent send their children to independent schools. In Class II (middle managers, teachers, GPs) the figure is as low as 1[illegible] per cent. And since, these days, the middle classes, both in terms of people's self-description and according to the Registrar General's categories, comprise pretty much half the population, it can readily be seen what a significant proportion they account for of the 94 per cent of children who are educated in the state system.

What is more, most of them are in comprehensive schools, as that is what most local education authorities now offer. And however much their parents may from time to time grumble and mutter about standards and discipline, they will – when offered the choice – react with horror at the prospect of returning to a selective system. Witness the huge row in two thoroughly middle-class areas, Solihull and Richmond, when Conservative councillors proposed bringing back grammar schools. In Richmond, it even contributed to their loss of control of the council to the Alliance.

So, far from the middle classes having no stake in the state system, they are on the contrary its supporters and chief beneficiaries. Working-class families do not, on the whole, get nearly such a good return for their rates and taxes: their children are less likely to achieve good exam results, less likely to find it worth their while – or financally possible – to stay beyond the minimum leaving age, and far less likely to find their way into higher education. This is as true in inner London as in Surrey or Oxfordshire.

Righting this obvious injustice, giving schools a responsiveness and appeal that is genuinely classless, is the most intractable problem facing the education system. Unless we crack it, we are going to continue to squander the brains, talent and motivation of half the population, just when we need them most.

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Ferdinand Mount

This Crown Jewel is only paste

Build-up often leads to let-down. It is best to come cold to things. But even after repressing expectations, I was taken aback by how far the ITV series *The Jewel in the Crown* falls short of the claims made for it. It is not simply a little bit overrated: its admirers have entered it in quite the wrong class, like a mule in the Horse of the Year show.

The *dramatic personae* seem to spend most of their time sitting in garden furniture and staring out over spectacular vistas of mountain and jungle. After a pause, one says to the other something like "It hasn't been the same here since Sally went back to Corsepore". This is usually followed by a pregnant pause, which is broken by a pregnant woman (or a chap in shorts) coming in to announce World War Two or renewed restlessness among the natives. The production is stilted and jerky, suggesting not so much that the British are out of place in India as that the actors have lost their place in the script.

Mr Mihir Bose has pointed out certain drawbacks in the series from the Indian point of view – the obsession with sexual relations between the races, and the failure to convey the lack of social contact between them. But I am surprised how few people have pointed out the unsure handling of the British characters, the lack of feel for intonation, language or period – beyond a crude jolly-good-show-steady-the-Buffs level. Where the two cultures meet, as in the famous rape scene, it is as though a scene from *It Ain't Half Hot Mum* has gone hideously wrong.

The literary sources for Paul Scott's *Raj Quartet* are plain. The theme of social and sexual unease derives directly from E. M. Forster's *A Passage to India*, the British love of India and the intermingling of duty and adventure from Kipling, and the rotting of moral restraint under the tropical sun and the perils of arousing the memsahib's passions from Somerset Maugham. These considerable influences have not quite lost their power. But, domesticated through Paul Scott's pleasant workaday pen, they come distinctly tamed. Much of the intensity, most of the lyric quality and virtually all the jokes have been drained off. A mild, agreeable, very long drink remains – barley water rather than a chota peg.

Now the interesting thing is that this enterprise should have roused such huge enthusiasm among people of the better sort. It is not simply that outings are cancelled or dinners bolted in order not to miss *Jewel*. Huge claims are also made for the series as a work of art. And there is considerable indignation that this work should have been created by the wretched, vulgar ITV, while the BBC could only put on that appalling *Thorn Birds*. These comments are said to have caused something close to panic in the BBC.

Yet the kindest thing one could say of *Jewel in the Crown* is that it is a very decent sort of soap opera, which nicely accommodates the present nostalgia for the Raj. Nothing wrong with soap operas. P. G. Wodehouse, I believe, used to watch at least two every day. Perhaps that is the point. People of the better sort are indignant that the BBC, which usually does "our" brand of soap, has abandoned them.

And in so doing, the BBC has indeed put itself in peril. If the commercial side now knows how to produce soap operas for the well-to-do, then the BBC has lost its trump card. For the BBC's ability to squeeze an adequate licence fee depends on its continued ability to meet the tastes of the better-off classes, to keep the beacon of gentility burning. This is masked by talk of "standards and quality". In practice, the programmes claimed by the BBC as falling in this category are often derivative and humdrum in the extreme, but they are *respectable*.

The Thorn Birds was not respectable. It was grotesque. The scene in which Richard Chamberlain as Archbishop de Bricussart embraces Rachel Ward on the beach while the surf rolls over them was of a splendour to make Ronald Firbank whoop in his grave. (Shortly afterwards, the archbishop was made a cardinal.) But that is not what one pays one's licence fee for.

For years, the BBC authorities have operated on the belief that, in order to persuade the politicians that an increase in the licence fee is socially desirable, the BBC must produce rude, earthy programmes to appeal to the masses. This is a complete fallacy. Politicians of all parties tend to be middle-class and middlebrow, and they are extremely nervous of being thought vulgar. Many of them are frightened by popular taste and quite ready to disregard it if it will add to their own reputations.

Indeed, Mr Phillip Whitehead, one of Labour's brodcasting spokesmen when he was an MP, wrote in these columns only last week of the ghastly dangers of "every vestige of mass communication" being "vulgarized" – a peculiar fear, since by definition communications for the "common herd" can scarcely be other than common. It is the last aim of most politicians' "broadcasting policy" that viewers and listeners should be given what they want.

In reality, now that BBC TV's Arts-Features Department is a shadow of its former self, almost the only really good stuff on television *is* vulgar. Often it is extremely vulgar – for example, *Auf Wiedersehen Pet*, the series about British workers on a German building-site which finished last weekend. *Minder*, with its brilliantly stylized villains' backchat between George Cole and Dennis Waterman, is as near an English equivalent to Damon Runyon as we are likely to see. These are the jewels in ITV's crown, semi-precious possible, but at least they glitter. The best the BBC can do is *Grange Hill*.

But this kind of material is no way to extract a higher licence fee from a nervous Home Secretary. If the BBC really wants to regain lost ground, I recommend a judicious mixture of Scarlatti, Sophocles and the complete works of J. B. Priestley.



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FAINT DAWN IN THE EAST

The men who gather in Moscow today to elect a new leader cannot be approaching their task with much relish. No one they choose will be greeted with universal acclaim. If they opt for youth and change, the great grey mass of the party apparatus will dig in it heels to protect its corrupt and privileged mediocrities. If they opt for age, experience and continuity they will be saddled with another tired, elderly, short-term leader who will let problems pile up while the country drifts. If they opt for rigour and discipline they will know that the revived machinery of repression can easily get out of control and start devouring its own.

If they find time to lift their eyes and look out across the country for which they are responsible they will not find much to cheer them either. Gone are the great dreams of leading mankind into a new future. Gone are the early ideals of brotherhood, justice, peace and the emergence of new socialist man. Gone is the belief that a planned economy would soon overtake the wasteful confusion of free enterprise. Gone is the hope that the workers of the capitalist world would rise up and throw off their chains to march under the red flag. Out of revolution has come a heavy, corrupt and oppressive regime under which there is little room for intellectual creativity or industrial innovation. Look for revolutions in technology, thought and social development and you find them in the West. The only real success of the communist revolution has been in military power.

Even the much-vaunted industrialisation under Stalin was probably less than could have been achieved without the massive destruction wrought by revolution, particularly in agriculture. Projected into the present, the figures for industrial development under the Tsars reach higher than Russia has climbed today. Only in military power has that ancient, tragic country achieved equality with the West. Everywhere else it lags, and the gap is not closing. Perhaps one day it will find how to tap its vast material and human potential. Perhaps one day those ancient Russian dreams of being the third Rome will be realized, some genuine creative contribution to the world will emerge, some power to move men's minds instead of just inspiring fear but if it does the change seems unlikely to date from today's meeting in the Kremlin. The present system still sits too heavily on the country.

Its failure does not derive only from Russian history. It derives from the very simple, basic failure of its creators to understand that power corrupts, that a system without checks and balances, without the deliberate, institutionalized dispersal of power, is doomed to stifle the impulse for challenge and change which alone can ensure creative development. There are plenty of frustrated reformers in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe who understand this very well but so far the system has proved too strong for them, and it is likely to remain so for some time, even after today.

So the agenda will remain more limited. At the centre of all deliberations will be the state of the economy. Although there were some slight signs of improvement in 1983, the broad picture is still gloomy. Admittedly a growth rate of about two per cent a year, which is the generally predicted average, does no look too bad by Western standards, but it does not tell the whole story. Not only is almost every sector of the economy lagging behind the plan, particularly machinery output, but productivity of both labour and capital was declining by more than one per cent a year until 1983, which meant that more and more had to be put into the economy to maintain a given rate of output.

The planners made matters worse by drastically cutting investment, thinking that productivity could be raised by other means, but they had to relent and allow investment some modest growth. However, this intensified the problem of simultaneously meeting the needs of defence and consumers. Consumption declined in 1982 and is now about static, while defence procurement slowed in 1976 to roughly the same rate of growth as the economy as a whole. The upturn in 1983 does not mean that basic problems have been solved, or that the need for reform is any less.

Hitherto the military establishment has tended to be on the side of orthodoxy because central planning ensures that it gets its share of the cake whatever happens to the rest of the economy. Recently, however, there have been signs of growing awareness that without a healthier and more modern economic base the quantity and quality of the defence effort will suffer. The late Mr Andropov made the point during a visit to a machine tool factory, and it has not been lost on the military men. This does not mean that they have become out and out reformists. They would not like too much power to devolve on the market. But they are probably becoming somewhat more interested in change than they were. What this means for the choice of a new leader is, however, as uncertain as so much else that goes on within the Kremlin's walls.

WHERE CHURCH MEETS STATE

The New Ireland Forum is now preparing its report for publication in early March, having had the last and most theatrical of its open sessions. The Republic of Ireland is one of the few remaining nations of Christendom where the overlapping presence of Church and state are almost equally visible. The fact is cited by the Ulster Protestant as the first of his reasons for dealing with the place only at the end of a long spoon. On Thursday, in Dublin Castle, representatives of the hierarchy put themselves at the disposal of representatives of the chief political parties of the Dail, plus the SDLP from Northern Ireland, for the purpose of exploring church-state relations in the context of "reconciliation" between North and South. Both sides were on their best behaviour.

Bishop Cahal Daly, bishop of Down and Connor, led for the church. No Roman Catholic bishop in Ireland commands a more respectful Protestant hearing than Dr Daly. "The Catholic church in Ireland totally rejects the concept of the confessional state," he began. They did not seek "a Catholic state for a Catholic people". The alliance of church and state was harmful for both. "We have repeatedly declared that we in no way seek to have the moral teaching of the Catholic church become the criterion of constitutional law anywhere in Ireland or to have the principles of Catholic faith enshrined in civil law." What they claimed was the freedom to proclaim the gospel and to inform the consciences of Catholics as to the moral consequences of legislative measures and their impact on the moral quality of life in society. That and that alone.

They were, Dr Daly added, acutely conscious of the fears of the Northern Protestant community. It was a requirement, on which the bishops would insist, that the rights and liberties, civil and religious, of Northern Protestants would be "safeguarded and copper-fastened" in a united Ireland. "We bishops would raise our voices to resist any constitutional proposals which might infringe or endanger" those rights and liberties cherished by the Protestants of Northern Ireland.

The bishops on that day could hardly have been of greater assistance to the nationalists conducting the forum. Their sensitivity to Ulster Protestant sentiment was exemplary. Their acceptance of the implications of the separation of church and state was readier than in the rather stiff written evidence they had supplied earlier in circumstances of some confusion. Dr Daly's statement and answers to questions deserve the attention of all Ulstermen, especially as they have reason to believe in his sincerity. At the same time they will measure his words against the history of the Catholic church in Ireland and against events of recent memory, and they will be right to do so.

The comparison was begun in the forum itself. Senator Mary Robinson, a one-woman council of civil liberties in the Republic, invited the bishops to explain how it was that the voices they would raise against any proposals endangering the civil and religious liberties of Northern Protestants had not been raised long ago on behalf of Protestants in the South. That was a very good and important question, said the bishop who fielded it. To judge by the report in the *Irish Times* it elicited a fair amount of flannel but no answer.

Discussion of the requirement that the Catholic partner in a mixed marriage give an undertaking about the upbringing of the children followed naturally from that. This is a source of much resentment in the Church of Ireland which regards it as aggressive and sees in it a primary cause of the diminution of the church's numbers. Relaxation there has been. The promise is not now to baptize and bring up the children as Catholics, but less exactingly to do one's best to that end. No promise is required of the other partner. Still, the offence remains in the minds of Irish Protestants, and the Irish hierarchy is tied by Rome.

Cardinal O Fiaich's recent remarks about Sinn Fein were raised. They had earned a rebuke in a formal statement by the Irish cabinet. In Ulster worst fears may be confirmed by the fact that such a rebuke was necessary, and confounded by the fact that it was possible. Bishop Daly explained that the admonitory had to be distinguished from the pastoral in the utterances of bishops. The bishops warned that Sinn Fein's open advocacy of political violence made it morally wrong to vote for it. Yet there would be cases of people supporting Sinn Fein for motives that were not necessarily to be condemned. He agreed with the Cardinal.

Then of course there is the experience of last year's referendum in the Republic which entrenched in the constitution a bar on legalized abortion. It was not the hierarchy but lay zealots who set that ball rolling. The bishops collectively instructed the faithful as to their moral duty while explicitly reserving everybody's right to vote according to his conscience. The degree of pulpit pressure varied from place to place. All this went on with scrupulous observance of the formal separation of church and state and of the functional distinction between priest and legislator. It also occurred at a time when winning the consent of Ulster Protestants to the notion of a new Ireland in which they would feel at home was high on the political agenda. The episode illustrated the contrast between the new pluralism on the surface of Irish political society and the confessionalism still underlying it.

All powers of government, says the Republic's constitution, derive under God from the people. It is the priests' influence in informing the minds of the people that makes Ulster Protestants so determined to have no part in that political society. That is the priestly power they will not be exposed to. Disestablishment, formal separation of church and state, the clerical abstention from political activity – all that does not affect the reality. The reality of the Roman Catholic clergy's role in society is something the Ulster Protestant would not expect, or ask, them to relinquish.

Divided view of rates

From the Chairman of the Association of County Councils

Sir, I find it difficult to understand the precise grounds on which Sir John Grugeon (January 19) is trying to take issue.

The figures which he quotes were, of course, supplied to him by the association. Every member county (except one, which is Labour-controlled) was represented at the executive council at which the decision was taken to oppose the Government's proposals. Like all democratic bodies, the decision was taken by those attending the meeting. There were only two votes against and seven abstentions. Whilst no one can say how those who did not attend would have voted, I can only repeat that not one Conservative-controlled county council has supported the proposals for the general limitation of rates.

Surely no one supports the excessive provision of services without a proven need. Equally, most people would vote for lower taxation. My Conservative colleagues and I at the association worked hard to secure the re-election of the Prime Minister and the Conservative Government. We support the overall objectives of the Conservative Party, including the decentralization of power and the total rejection of the concept that Whitehall knows best.

However, in every democratic party there is a coalition of views and, inevitably, voters must select a manifesto package which may include specific proposals unacceptable to them.

I can see the difficulties for anyone who relies on past experience to form a current assessment. I can only assure your readers that this association's views were reached by those elected members chosen by our counties to represent them on the association. Our "posture" is the result of an overwhelming majority reached by those chosen to speak for their county council.

Yours faithfully,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Freedom of speech without question

From Lord Henderson of Brompton

Sir, The Reverend J. P. Haldane-Stevenson's letter of January 28 from Canberra states that "Freedom of speech has hitherto been subject only to the various Parliament's own rules". It is not clear whether he is referring only to the various Parliaments in Australia or to those in "the whole British Commonwealth".

In this country, Parliament long claimed the right of freedom of speech by virtue of the superiority of the law of Parliament over common law. Ultimately, the privilege of freedom of speech was conferred by statute after the Glorious Revolution of 1688.

In article 9 of the Bill of Rights it was declared "That freedom of speech and debates or proceedings in Parliament ought not to be impeached or questioned in any court of place out of Parliament". This is still on the statute book. Each House has the right to adjudicate on the conduct of its members and the *sub judice* rules, in particular, have been evolved to prevent prejudicial comment in Parliament on matters awaiting or under ajudication in the courts.

An unqualified statutory power confirming freedom of speech in Parliament together with the right of each House to adjudicate on the conduct of its own members has served us well for 300 years or so.

No doubt, the Senate committee in Canberra on the Australian Government's proposal to legislate to "abrogate or otherwise affect" state parliamentary privileges, particularly of free speech, will be fully aware of the position in this country.

Yours faithfully,
HENDERSON OF BROMPTON,
House of Lords.

Sexual infections

From Professor M. W. Adler

Sir, The United Kingdom is fortunate to have a unique clinical service for the care of patients with sexually transmitted diseases. This was created in 1916 following a royal commission and has always been free of charge, with great weight being put upon the confidential nature of the service.

It is sound public health policy to encourage patients with sexually transmitted diseases or those who might fear that they have contracted them to attend clinics (departments of genito-urinary medicine). Confidentiality of information imparted by patients to doctors is paramount in the practice of this branch of medicine.

Failure to adhere to this philosophy will dissuade patients from seeking medical attention, with profound consequences for their own health but also for those in the communtiy asymptomatic and unaware of their infection.

I am concerned that the campaign to make it unlawful for doctors to give confidential treatment to patients under 16 years old will jeopardize the essential work of clinics. The legality of doctors giving confidential treatment to minors is now challenged by Mrs Victoria Gillick. She has been granted legal aid to appeal against Mr Justice Woolf's judgement, given in July, 1983, that a doctor may accept the consent to medical treatment of a minor who is capable of understanding.

Mrs Gillick's crusade concerns contraception and has fixed on this rather round about way of "enabling parents to protect their daughters from early and unlawful sexual relationships". If her approach is successful on this point, however, a doctor will be unable to treat a minor under 16 years old in confidence for anything, including sexually transmitted disease. There is no doubt that the number of infections will increase as a result.

Yours faithfully,
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January 31.

Activities in school

From Mrs Marion Killick

Sir, Michael Ivens, the Director of Aims of Industry (article, January 2), wrote that on his visit to his children's London junior school to see their Christmas show there was a stall displaying Inner London Education Authority posters "managed by a school (Labour) governor".

I was that governor and I would beg the courtesy of your columns to state that I am not, nor have I been, a member of any political party. Sorry, Sir, but yet another "reds under the bed" smear by the Aims of Industry proves to be groundless.

Yours faithfully,
MARION KILLICK,
12 Donaldson Road, NW6.
January 10.

Preserving 'just balance' of marriage

From Mr J. R. E. Robinson, WS

Sir, Canon Bentley's letter (February 9) is compassionate and illustrates the problems involved in the search for that elusive prize – the just balance between preserving the sanctity of marriage, and yet recognising the reality of irretrievable breakdown.

The fundamental difficulty lies in the fact that marriage is at present regarded as complete in law after physical consummation; to introduce an enquiry (with inevitable value judgments) as to whether it then blossoms by virtue of cohabitation into a true marriage would take the courts into a very contentious area. Whether a marriage is voidable (and not subject to a time bar) probably ought not to be the issue, but rather how and when to dissolve a marriage that has "crashed on the runway", to adopt Canon Bentley's phrase.

Assuming that the one year bar is enacted in respect of divorce petitions in England and Wales, there will still only be one ground – that the marriage has irretrievably broken down.

A gap has therefore been highlighted by Canon Bentley. Even under the proposed one year bar, spouses who neither have nor seek evidence of the other's adultery or behaviour will have to wait two years. The solution, if agreed by Parliament, would be to reduce the "consent" period for living apart to one year. That is arguably the effect of Canon Bentley's proposal if we are to maintain the policy of avoiding enquiring into the unhappy and intimate detail of a marriage.

For the same reason of policy, there would be much opposition to a modified version of the "consent" period, requiring proof of some "exceptional" circumstance (hardship, for example) to allow a reduction from two years to one in consent petitions. Elimination of such enquiries into "exceptional" cases is a major and intentional consequence of reducing the present three year bar.

While recognising and sharing Canon Bentley's concern to minimise suffering and to allow a fresh start, I believe that enquiring into details of failure to achieve satisfactory cohabitation in the first year would involve the courts in too subjective a judgment.

In all cases the Churches have an invaluable role to play. Many parishes are developing true marriage preparation, and that is to be warmly supported, both as an educational and preventive exercise as well as a possible later point of reference in times of difficulty. I prefer that to be the emphasis, rather than an anxious judicial post mortem, and I do respect Canon Bentley's charitable approach.

Yours truly,
JONATHAN ROBINSON,
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The University of Buckingham,
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February 9.

From the Reverend Thomas M. Steel

Sir, In his discussion of voidable marriage Canon Bentley seems to me to take us nearer the heart of the dilemma than he realises.

It is surely the function of all our relationships to help us to see others less by the distorting light of our projections ("figments of our imagination") and more as "actual persons" – and so to come to know ourselves. But this is the task of a lifetime and our imaginations play their subtlest tricks in the most enduring unions. It is precisely these difficulties which lie at the root of marital trauma in every stage of life.

Canon Bentley may be right to point to the first year of marriage as a particularly crucial one in this epic struggle to which we are called, but is the "honeymoon year" not in essence indistinguishable from all the later times of crisis?

I think that we cannot escape so easily from the concepts of breakdown and dissolution.

Yours faithfully,
THOMAS STEEL, Rector,
The Parishes of Farnham Royal and Hedgerley,
Farnham Royal Rectory,
Farnham Common,
Slough, Berkshire.
February 9.

From Mrs R. A. Holmes

Sir, Canon Bentley recommends "making marriages real and actual" only after a first "honeymoon" year. The couple, having vowed fidelity for life, are presumably not to consider it binding.

But many couples already have a "try-out" *before* marriage – surely vows must be vows. Canon Bentley's excellent reasons why marriages crash on the runway should be dealt with before marriage vows are made in church.

Marriages of committed Christians last. They are based on honesty, unselfish love and chastity, underpinned by faith in God, by a caring community, and by Christ's global purpose.

As Christians demonstrate the richness, stability and lasting happiness of real marriage, church marriages will become the envy and the target for every hopeful couple.

Yours faithfully,
JOAN HOLMES,
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Croydon, Surrey.

Investment mix

From Mr Charles Williams

Sir, Tim Congdon (feature, February 8) is absolutely right when he suggests that those who seek to promote public-sector investment without providing any theoretical or empirical justification for increasing capital expenditurure do not deserve to win their case. He is wrong in saying that the level of capital expenditure in the public sector must be determined by the rate of return.

Such a test is appropriate to the trading operations of the public sector, that is, the nationalized industries; but half of gross capital investment is in hospitals, roads and other non-commercial activities of central government and local authorities.

Techniques such as cost-benefit analysis may assist in the evaluation of certain types of public investment, particularly in transportation, but in the end it comes down to a question of political priority both between different capital projects and between capital and current expenditure in the public sector.

Those who seek to persuade the Government that the balance of public expenditure should be altered to favour capital investment have two tasks. They have to prove that the need for further capital investment and the renewal of aging assets exists; also they have to show convincingly that a change in the mix of public expenditure to favour capital would be beneficial to the economy.

Sone work which supports these contentions has been published but more needs to be done before it can be said that the case is fully proven.

Yours sincerely,
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February 8.

From Mr R. S. Godfrey

Sir, Tim Congdon is correct to remind us (feature, February 8) that economic activity is unertaken for the ultimate purpose of consumption; equally it can be asserted that it is desirable that the growth path of consumption be stable and positive.

The present concern is that consumption growth is occurring against a background of a ravaged manufacturing base and financed from rapidly dwindling oil reserves. Those with a blind faith in the "invisible hand" can sleep secure in the "certainty" that the exchange rate mechanism will shift income creation to the manufacturing sector as oil production declines.

However, after so many disappointing flirtations with competing economic theologies, we can ill afford to be as complacent as Mr Congdon.

The question which should be addressed is whether long-term consumption growth is secure.

Yours faithfully,
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February 8.

Encouraging authors

From Mr Geoffrey Trease

Sir, The possible fiasco threatening the launch of the Betty Trask novel award makes amusing light reading for the general public but will seem less funny to the many struggling young novelists she must have hoped to encourage. It is the old story of generous intentions frustrated by a testator's over-explicit phrasing.

This huge prize – incidentally, I think, not exclusively for a "romantic" novel but open to "other novel(s) of a traditional rather than an experimental nature" – is limited, according to your report (February 4), to first-time authors under 35.

There must be a considerable number of authors below that age who have already published a handful of books at great pains and yet trivial financial benefit, even though they may have given much pleasure and won critical esteem.

These novelists are disqualified by their previous efforts, yet surely they were just the people who deserved at least a sporting chance of such an award. People write because they must, not because a golden carrot is suddenly dangled.

It is not only beginners we need to encourage, but those who have already battled nobly for some years and may occasionally despair.

Yours faithfully,
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Colwall,
Malvern,
Worcestershire.
February 4.

Antarctic politics

From Mr Jeff Myhere

Sir, I would like to interject, if I may, a further dimension to the discussion of Antarctica's future, namely, what is likely to occur.

While the exchange between Messrs Luard (February 4) and Bederman (February 8) are interesting philosophically, it is the politics of Antarctica that are at issue.

Under the 1959 Antarctic Treaty the consultative members have successfully concluded agreements on sealing and on the conservation of living resources. There is a definite sense in diplomatic circles that resolution of the minerals regime question will complete the arrangements for administering the continent. Consequently, the conferences held (in Bonn last summer, and in Washington now) are pressing for an agreement very soon.

As those familiar with Antarctic politics know, the treaty could be reviewed in or after 1991: failure to secure a minerals regime would probably justify such a review, and that in turn, could politicize the Antarctic to an unprecedented degree.

In Bonn, and one suspects in Washington as well, a draft agreement known as the "Beeby draft" (named after the New Zealand diplomat who assembled it from consultatiom held with the other Antarctic Powers) was the centre of attention. It provides for a system of exploration, development and exploitation licences of doubtful utility, but the important fact is that there is a basis for discussion *and* a desire to reach agreement.

Thus, one may expect, eventually, a convention providing for the exploitation of Antarctica'a hypothetical minerals. While Mr Luard may desire the "common heritage" approach to prevail, it will only happen after a failure to secure a mineral regime treaty, after a subsequent collapse of the treaty after a review comference, and after a period of chaos in Antarctic affairs.

Without commenting overtly on the concept's desirability or fairness, one must conclude that it is unlikely to become a political reality.

Yours sincerely,
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Proper treatment of our heritage

From Mr Alan Phillips

Sir, Is not Lord Hampden missing the point (February 8)? Woods and hedgerows, unlike cowslips and violets, do not reach maturity in a single season. They take years. Sometimes hundreds of years.

No one would disagree with land management – but surely not exploitation? To cut back a hedgerow is one thing – but to grub it out is quite another. Our countryside is being treated today in a way from which it probably will not recover, and certainly not in our lifetimes.

This country's chalk downland, where Lord Hampden hopes to find cowslips and violets, now covers about 20 per cent of the area it did in 1949. At least 30 per cent of Britain's broad-leaved woodlands have been replaced by conifer plantations or "arable prairies". So much, then, for the bluebells, orchids, and even the bramble.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN PHILLIPS,
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Nottingham University,
Nottingham.
February 10.

From Dr W. J. Blair

Sir, Mr John Burton (February 10) complains of "the hyperbole of would-be conservationists with their emotive description of 'hedgerows hundreds of years old'," and cites Arthur Young to support his view that only "some few hedgerows" can be ancient.

But the example only applies to land which was cultivated as open fields during the middle ages. In much of England (for instance Kent and parts of the West Midlands) only a small proportion of the arable was ever farmed in this way, and the effects of parliamentary inclosure were correspondingly slight. In such regions there are still landscapes which are essentially medieval or even Anglo-Saxon; hedges and their banks often follow boundaries described in tenth-century charters.

Whatever the rights or wrongs of English "prairie farming", let there be no doubt that it is fast destroying landmarks more than a thousand years old.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BLAIR,
The Queen's College,
Oxford.
February 10.

Loyalty at GCHQ

From Mr C. J. Saville Glanvill

Sir, It is hard to understand why the Government has not come out in so many words with the stark reality that there is no place for divided loyalty, either between the nation and the union or, perhaps, even between union and branch.

A no-strike agreement is useless, first, because the present officers cannot bind their successors, second, because they cannot control their branches and third, because even if it were enforceable, enforcement would be impossibly cumbersome.

What other course is open to the nation?

Yours faithfully,
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February 8.

'Work ethic' relevence

From Dr O. N. H. Leaman

Sir, The Dean of St Paul's (February 7) suggests that there will not be paid work for many people in our society who want to have it. Long-term unemployment is a growing and seemingly permanent problem. He asks rhetorically whether we should seek to replace the "work ethic" with a "life ethic".

This represents a fashionable line of argument today, among politicians and educationalists as well as among churchmen. Yet is it not fallacious? To succeed in our society the much-maligned "work ethic" is necessary and it is easy for those who have succeeded in the race to suggest to the losers that the race was not really significant at all. It is rather like those who pass examinations, condescendingly saying to those who have failed, that examinations are not important, or those with paid employment decrying its significance when talking to the unemployed.

What does it mean to replace a "work ethic" with a "life ethic"? Sir, we all hope to live *and* work. We all hope to achieve a reasonable standard of living for ourselves and our families. If we are unsuccessful there is no comfort in being told that we should concentrate more upon "life" than upon "work".

Work is an intregral aspect of life and to talk of replacing the former with the latter is to peddle empty slogans and useless palliatives.

Yours faithfully,
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Noblesse oblige

From Mr William Hart

Sir, Mr John Faulkner (February 8) errs in suggesting that Lord Emsworth never took to "coronet and ermine". In "Service with a Smile" (1961) his Lordship, although at a loss to understand why Parliament could not "get itself opened without his assistance", suppresses his finer feelings and obeys the call of duty, hiring the robes and coronet from – where else? – the Brothers Moss.

Politically conscious, no, but certainly present.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM HART,
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February 9.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 11: The Prince Andrew this evening attended the Annual Dinner of the Tiger Club (Chairman, Mr Lewis Benjamin) at the Gatwick Hilton Hotel and afterwards presented the Club Awards.
Wing Commander Adam Wise was in attendance.
The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the British Olympic Association, left Royal Air Force Lyneham this morning in an aircraft of the Royal Air Force for Yugoslavia, where Her Royal Highness will visit the Winter Olympic Games at Sarajevo.
Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gibbs was in attendance.
The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the Save the Children Fund, will subsequently visit Morocco, The Gambia and Upper Volta.
The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke and Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gibbs will be in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 12: Mr John French had the honour of being received by The Queen at Windsor Castle this morning when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Member of the Royal Victorian Order (Fourth Class).

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 11: The Princess of Wales, Patron London City Ballet, left Heathrow Airport, London, this morning in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight for Norway, where Her Royal Highness will attend a performance of *Carmen* given by the Company at the Konserthus, Oslo.
Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith, Mr Victor Chapman and Lieutenant-Commander Peter Eberle, RN are in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 12: The Princess of Wales, Patron London City Ballet, arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight from Norway.
Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith, Mr Victor Chapman and Lieutenant-Commander Peter Eberle, RN were in attendance.

A memorial service for Sir Alexander Williams will be held at 11.30am, on Friday, March 2, in the Chapel of the Order of St Michael and St George, St Paul's Cathedral.
A memorial service for Dr Elston Grey-Turner will be held in St Pancras Church, Euston Road, London NW1, on Wednesday, March 7, 1984, at noon.
A memorial service for Mr James Alan Wallace will be held on March 27, at noon, at St Peter's Church, Eaton Square, SW1.

Forthcoming marriages

The McGillycuddy of the Reeks and Miss V. L. Astor
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of the late The McGillycuddy of the Reeks and Madam McGillycuddy of the Reeks, and Virginia, eldest daughter of the Hon Hugh and Mrs Astor.

The Hon F. J. Plowden and Mrs L. G. A. Miles
The engagement is announced between Francis, younger son of Lord and Lady Plowden, of Martels Manor, Dunmow, and Geraldine, elder daughter of the late Mr Gerald Wickman and of Mrs Wickman, of Orton Longueville, Peterborough.

Mr J. E. L. Porter and Miss A. M. Noble
The engagement is announced between John, son of the late Mr Stephen Porter and of Mrs Bertrand Richards, of Melton Hall, Woodbridge, Suffolk, and Anna, daughter of Major Sir Marc Noble, Bt, and Lady Noble, of Deerleap House, Knockholt, Kent.

Mr P. A. Hardwick and Miss J. A. Weil
The engagement is announced between Philip Andrew, son of Dr and Mrs R. O. F. Hardwick, of Headcorn, Kent, and Jacqueline Anne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs H. G. Weil, of West Byfleet, Surrey.

Mr B. Jekowsky and Miss R. S. Franklin
The engagement is announced between Barry, son of Mr and Mrs Marvin Jekowsky, of New York, United States, and Rosalind Sarah, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Roland Franklin, of Archer Road, Harrison, New York 10528, United States.

Mr R. A. C. Morris and Mrs K. L. Clarke
The engagement is announced between Rupert, only son of the late Judge Malcolm Morris and Mrs B. R. Morris, of Watlington, Oxford, and Kitty, youngest daughter of Colonel and Mrs Lovell Payne, of Martinstown, Dorset.

Mr P. Venmore-Rowland and Miss L. M. Campbell
The engagement is announced between Piers, elder son of Mr and Mrs O. Venmore-Rowland, of Bengeo, Hertford, and Lorna Mary, daughter of Dr and Mrs W. Campbell, of East Grinstead, Sussex.

Mr P. J. Wharton and Miss D. M. Sibree
The engagement is announced between Patrick, only son of Mr J. F. Wharton, of Salisbury, Wiltshire, and Mrs J. Allix, and stepson of Mr C. R. P. Allix, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Diana, only daughter of Mr and Mrs P. L. Sibree, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Sherborne School for Girls

The following academic awards have been made:
First scholarship: Katherine Hartley (Highfield School, Liphook).
Second scholarships: Charlotte Carter (St Michael's, Tavistock); Lucy Jameson (Sunninghill, Dorchester).
Third scholarships: Penelope Eames (St Michael's, Tavistock); Carol Moore (Sherborne School for Girls); Nina Pendred (St Monica's, Upton).
Exhibition: Mary Nicholson (Hanford, Childe Okeford).
The following music awards have been made:
First scholarship: Tansy Aked (Beech Hall, Tytherington, Macclesfield).
Second scholarship: Jessica Nightingale (Godstowe, High Wycombe).
Exhibition: Sarah Silnion (St Andrew's, Eastbourne).

Birthdays today

Professor Franz Bergel, 84; Lieutenant-General Sir Roger Bower, 81; Earl Cadogan, 70; Dr J. P. Clayton, 63; Miss M. E. Collins, 57; Professor Dame Helen Gardner, 76; Dr D. G. Hessayon, 56; Professor Sir Jack Lewis, 56; Lord Manners, 61; Lord Peyton of Yeovil, 65; Mr Francis Pym, MP, 62; Mr Oliver Reed, 46; M Georges Simenon, 81; Professor Lord Stamp, 77; Dr Donald Sykes, 54.

Luckley-Oakfield School, Wokingham

Mr R. C. Blake, has been appointed Head of Luckley-Oakfield School, Wokingham, in succession to Miss W. Cornish, who retires this July after ten years. At present he is housemaster of a mixed boarding house and head of general studies at Monkton Combe School, Bath.

£1.1m British bulbs for Netherlands

By Our Horticulture Correspondent

Britain exported 2,760 tonnes of bulbs, worth £1.1m, to the Netherlands during an 11-month period last year.

Total export of bulbs in 1983, to the end of November, amounted to 5,532 tonnes, with a value of £2.6m. Bulbs were also exported to West Germany (983 tonnes) and the United States (155 tonnes).

Clifford Longley

Dilemma over the 'drop-outs'

Just as the Dean of St Paul's, the Very Rev Alan Webster, was expressing his anxiety that "it is how exceptionally difficult to pass on the Christian faith from one generation to another", there was a parallel outbreak of anxiety sparked off by a Roman Catholic survey in Cambridge. Students from public schools are lapsing from the weekly Mass attendance at an alarming rate, the survey discovered.

There is evidence of similar anxiety, and a similar phenomenon, in a variety of other circles. The Methodist Church had its attention drawn recently to the fact that its successful youth movement had proved no defence against wholesale religious "dropping out" in young adulthood; the age profiles of all the main denominations (with the possible exception of Roman Catholicism) show a marked lack of interest in the 18 to 35 age group; the Headmasters' Conference has put the teaching of religion in public school under radical scrutiny.

Alongside this there is continuous concern, frequently referred to, about the failure of religious education in the state sector. So are the days numbered of Christianity as a mass movement, as the largest organized voluntary activity in the British society (which it still is)? And are there other things the churches could do to turn the tide?

Behind this sense of crisis are various assumptions which do not often receive much questioning. One of them is revealed by Dean Webster's sentence: "Talk to any clergy family and ask the younger members whether they attend dad's church".

The answer he obviously expects is No. And the assumption is that "passing on the Christian faith" equals passing on the habit of attending church. Against that could be set Cardinal Basil Hume's implied dismissal of the results of the Cambridge survey: "I make it a practice never to pass judgment on a person's religious commitment until the age of 25". That does not however completely refute the dean's point: there is no evidence that teenagers who drop out of their family's religious observance take it up again, in any vast numbers, by the age of 24¾. It seems likely that some do drift back, later, particularly after marriage and children; but to put much weight on that effect would not only be unwise but also miss the point.

Parents whose own religious commitment is specific and deep cannot help but influence their children in all parts of the personality, and if the family atmosphere has been a healthy one that would also naturally include equipping the children with the means to assert their individuality.

Taking religion seriously may mean not going to church; it may mean a determined search for meaning in life down other avenues.

The churches, and particularly the clergy, have a monopolistic attitude to religion which might well discourage those whose search could otherwise lead them towards a church, as one of several points of reference.

It was once said by Cardinal Bea that "those on the fringes of the Church may sometimes be her most faithful sons", yet his church, and all the others, continue to behave as if there was only one test. Many of those on this fringe, lay men and women, may feel an instinctive repulsion from what they sense to be a clerical game, the routine life of the institutional Church; and it is their own grasp of Christianity which tells them that.

They may not reject or hate the Church; they reject its insistent subtle pressure to return them to a state of childish dependence.

Those inside the institutional churches who accept that appraisal find themselves with a predicament. The whole pattern of church life is rooted in the local parish worshipping community, the "regulars", and they will continue to be necessary for everything from flower arranging to financial support.

And these regulars do receive something they need, something they can belong to, draw friendship from, identify with. To abandon that core membership in order to make possible more non-dependent relationships with a wider section of the population could undermine the means by which the Church preserves its presence in that community.

The Methodist practice of maintaining a "community role" of sympathizers and supporters who are not full members is a possible model for the other denominations, although the Methodist Church never seems quite sure what to do with its community role people.

They are regarded as support for the local church's core activities rather than as a distinct group with its own characteristic religious expression. All churches could maintain a community role (and probably all sons and daughters of the clergy would be happy to join it). It would enable them to make contact and stay in touch; and as experience grew, new forms of ministry would be found to service it.

On the other hand to insist that only "core membership" is properly Christian is to risk losing a generation altogether.

Tour de force: Vladimir Ashkenazy rehearsing the Philharmonia Orchestra for tonight's concert at the Festival Hall. Tomorrow, conductor and orchestra set off for a month's tour of Canada, the United States and Australia with Ashkenazy appearing as conductor in each of the 19 concerts and piano soloist in all but one (Photograph: Tony Lewis).

Latest wills

The Rev Michael Scott, of Hampstead, London, the campaigner for human rights and for nuclear disarmament, left estate valued at £64,410 net.
Mr George Henry **Burroughs**, of Seaton, Devon, left estate valued at £1,599,055 net. He left most of his property to personal legatees.
Other estates included (net, before tax paid):
Beauchamp, Sir Douglas Clifford, 2nd Bt, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire £19,925
Carte, Mr George Leonard, of Epsom, Surrey, chartered surveyor £452,153
Hinton, Mr Geoffrey, of Hove, East Sussex £488,800
Mather-Jackson, Sir Anthony Henry Mather, 6th Bt, of Kirklington Nottinghamshire, company director and mining engineer £403,113
Oxenham, Mr Joseph, of Stanmore, London £340,371
White, Mr Ralph Herbert, of Folkestone, Kent £382,970
Young, Mr James Nicholson, of Beverley, North Humberside £337,206
Ismay, Diane Bruce, of Haverfordwest, formerly of Aledo, Texas, estate in England and Wales £708,778

Memorial services

The Right Rev J. Robinson
The Archbishop of Canterbury was represented by the Dean of Canterbury at a memorial service for the Right Rev John Robinson held on Saturday in the Chapel of Trinity College, Cambridge. The Rev R. C. Godsall and the Rev R. Atwell officiated. Professor Sir Alan Hodgkin, OM, Master of Trinity College, read the lesson and Canon Eric James gave an address. Among others present were:
Mrs Robinson (widow), Mr S Robinson (son), Mr and Mrs S Rickard and Mr and Mrs C Norton (sons-in-law and daughters), Miss C Robinson (daughter), Miss S Rickard, Mr T Norton, Miss S Rickard and Miss V Norton (grandchildren), Miss C Robinson (sister), Mrs E Robinson (sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs A Robinson, Mrs M Robinson, Mr and Mrs G Rimmer.
The Bishop of Ely and Mrs Walker, the Bishop of Kensington, the Right Rev Gilbert and Mrs Baker, the Right Rev Leslie Brown, the Right Rev C Tucker; the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University, the Master of Churchill College and Lady Bondi, the Master of Jesus College and Lady Cottrell.
The master of St Edmund's House, the President of Clare Hall and Lady Stoker; Lady Butler of Saffron Walden, Lady Hodgkin, Sir Desmond and Lady Pond, Sir John and Lady Barnes, Professor Sir Norman Anderson, QC, Sir David and Lady Lane, Sir Desmond Lee, Professor Sir Joseph Hutchinson, Professor M C Bradbrook (Girton College), Mrs P E Easterling (Newnham College), the Vice-Master of Trinity College and other fellows, the Dean of St John's College, the Dean of Trinity Hall, the Principal of Westcott House, the Principal of Westminster College, the Principal of Wesley House, Mr Robert Rhodes James, MP, Dr R L Williams (Cambridge University Press) and Mr D Pearson (Fitzwilliam Museum).

Mr C. F. Williamson
A memorial service for Mr Colin Fletcher Williamson was held at the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford, on Saturday. The Chaplain of Jesus College, the Rev Bruce Gillingham, officiated. Dr Lyndall Gordon and Mr Nicolas Jacobs read from the works of John Donne and Henry Vaughan. An address was given by Sir John Habbakuk. Oxford University was represented by the pro-vice-chancellor, Mr J. B. Bamborough, Principal of Linacre College, and the proctors and Jesus College by the principal and fellows. Among those present were:
Mrs Williamson (widow), Dr and Mrs Timothy Williamson (son and daughter-in-law), Mr Toby Williamson (son), Mrs Bridget Dixon (daughter), Professor and Mrs Roger Warwick, Mr and Mrs Eric Side (father-in-law and mother-in-law).
Mr R E Alton (representing the Review of English Studies), Professor D E Evans, Dr Claude Hurst, Dr M E Rayner, Dr D C Innes, Dr P H Dainton, Dr E A C Roberts, Mr Peter Clarke, Mr R Hamer, Mr Roy Booth, Mr E Pritchard, Mr J G Griffith, Mr J Wordsworth, Mr Eric Buckley, Mr David Jenkins, Mr Thomas Woodman, Mr D P Fowler, Mr David Evans, Mr and Mrs D Waller, Mr B Richards, Mr and Mrs J J Jones, Mr and Mrs A W James, Miss Kathleen Lea and Mrs Harriett Hawkins.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy
CAPTAINS: R P Warwick, Glamorgan in Cmd, Aug 21.
SURGEON CAPTAINS: E P Beck, MOD with MDG(N) as D Med Org(N), April 4; J B Drinkwater MOD(N) as DMDG(N), April 20; M Hatfield, WARRIOR as FMO to CINCFLEET and as Medl Adviser to CINCHAN and CINCESTLANT, March 30; N G B Hersey, RNH Plymouth as Cons in Anaths, June 26; D A Lammiman, RNH Plymouth as MOIC, July 17; T P Oliver, ROOKE for staff of FO Gibraltar as SMO and NMOH, April 26; R Radford, RNH Haslar as MOIC, April 3; A L Revell, MOD(N) with MDG(N), June 29; R E Snow, INM as MOIC, April 3.
COMMANDERS: B J Adams, COLLINGWOOD as XO, May 15; A P Harris, ST VINCENT as CO and NLO London, March 27; D M H Lingard, CENTURION as Cdr W E Drafting, April 6; R J Perrett, NELSON as CSO(E), Portsmouth, March 30; D W Pike, MOD with DFSD, March 6; S R Slater, MOD(PE) with DCW/DGSS, Aug 3; J A Trewby, MOD(N) with DMOR, Aug 3; A J R Watson, HERON(SM) as XO, April 13; G A S C Wilson, MOD with DNMT(X), April 24.
SURGEON COMMANDERS: C W Chapman, Cons in Plastic Surgery at Plastics Unit, Derriford, March 27; R Harland INM as CSO to SRA(OMS), June 8; J R Harrison, MOD as Deputy CNNTSP and Asst Dir of Radiation Med (Cons in OM-CP), March 23; G Smith, MOD with MDG(N) as Med Org 2, May 4; D L Swain, RNH Haslar as Cons Adviser to MDG(N) in Anaths, June 25; S H Vincent, SULTAN as PMO, April 30.
SURGEON COMMANDERS(D): J M Popplewell, DAEDALUS as SDS, Feb 16; M N D Roberts, SULTAN as SDS, May 1.
CHAPLAINS: The Rev W R Brown to be Principal Roman Catholic Chaplain (Naval), Aug.
Retirements
ROYAL NAVY
CAPTAINS: D C Blacker, April 5; J P Wrigley, April 5.
COMMANDER: J C Mather, March 3.

Royal Air Force
AIR VICE-MARSHAL (with acting rank of air marshal): D Harcourt-Smith to become Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, RAF Support Command, Feb 15.
AIR COMMODORE: P Howard, Consultant adviser in Occupational Medicine, Jan 27.
GROUP CAPTAIN: A E Hotchkiss to UK CICC for staff duties, Feb 17.
WING COMMANDERS: R S Burrows to MOD(PE) Flying Operations, Feb 17; J J Maynard to RAF College Cranwell, Feb 17; K C Youldon to HPO1 MOD(PE) USA, Feb 13; D G Simmons to Wpns Eng 3, MOD, Feb 13; M J H Walker to MOD London MOV4(RAF), Feb 13.
SQUADRON LEADERS (with acting rank of wing commanders): J L Mace to 7MU Quedgeley as OC Support Wing, Feb 13; C R Deeley to MOD AFT as ADP Ops 1(RAF), Feb 17.

Luncheon

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher were hosts at a luncheon held at Chequers yesterday in honour of the Vice-President of the United States and Mrs Bush. The other guests were:
The American Ambassador and Mrs Price, Mr John F Lehman, Admiral Daniel J Murphy, Mr Richard Burt, Mr Don Gregg, Mr Peter Sommer; Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, and Lady Howe, Mr Michael Heseltine, MP, and Mrs Heseltine, Lord Carrington, CH, and Lady Carrington, Lord Hartwell, Lord and Lady Thomas of Swynnerton, Mr and Mrs Frank Chapple, the Rev Michael and Mrs Bourdeaux, Mr and Mrs Andrew Knight, Field Marshal Sir Edwin and Lady Bramall, Sir Antony and Lady Acland, Mr and Mrs David Young and Mr and Mrs John Coles.

Dinner

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher were hosts at a dinner held on Saturday evening at Chequers in honour of the Vice-President of the United States and Mrs Bush. The other guests were:
The American Ambassador and Mrs Price, Mr John F Lehman, Admiral Daniel J Murphy, Viscount Tonypandy, Lord and Lady Charteris of Amisfield, Sir Hector and Lady Laing, Admiral Sir John and Lady Fieldhouse, Sir Percy and Lady Cradock and Mr John Coles.

Service dinner

Royal Engineers Sponsored Units
Officers of the Royal Engineers Sponsored Units Territorial Army and their ladies attended a guest night at the Royal Engineers Headquarters Mess, Brompton Barracks, Chatham, Kent, on Saturday. The Commander, Brigadier A. N. Carlier, presided and the principal guest was Major-General A. G. C. Jones, Honorary Colonel. A message of loyal greeting was sent to the Queen and a reply was received.

Royal College of Organists

The following awards have been made by the Royal College of Organists:
Associateship
Limpus prize, Frederick Shinn prize and Durrant prize: S. A. Clarkson; Sawyer prize and Durrant prize: S. D. Layton; Sowerbutt prize and Durrant prize: S. A. Clarkson; Doris Woolsey prize: Miss S. L. Kendrick; Dr F. J. Read prize: S. A. Clarkson.
FELLOWSHIP
Harding prize and Durrant prize: T. R. Charlston.

Professor's prize

The Swiney prize for the general jurisprudence has been won by Professor P. S. Atiyah, professor of English law at Oxford University, for his work, *Promises, Morals, and Law*. The prize is awarded by a joint committee of the Royal Society of Arts and the Royal College of Physicians.

Double triumph for Middlesex

By a Bridge Correspondent

Middlesex players won both the mixed pairs and the championship pairs in the eighth annual Waddington Bridge Congress held at Stratford-on-Avon at the weekend.

The overnight leaders, with a score of 72½ per cent in the championship pairs, were Keith Stanley and Phillip Alder who have never finished outside the first three places. But Barry Posner and John Sadler had a tremendous second session of 73 per cent to overtake them and finish more than 200 points ahead.

Mixed pairs: 1 Mrs A Jaffe, D Edwin (Middlesex); 2 A J Hollom, Mrs Y Jones (Warwickshire).
Championship pairs: 1 B Posner, J Sadler (Middlesex) 6,165; 2 K E Stanley (Warwickshire), P Alder (London) 5,958; 3 G Holman, P Laddin (North-west) 5,805; 4 Mr and Mrs D C Oram (Middlesex) 5,743.

Latest appointments

The following Ministry of Defence appointments have been announced:
Mr J. F. Mayne (formerly Director General of Management Audit) promoted Deputy Secretary on loan to the Management and Personnel Office from January 3.
Mr M. J. V. Bell, to be Director General of Management Audit, January 3.
Mr J. M. Moss to be Assistant Under-Secretary/Air (Procurement Executive) January 3.
Mr M. Gainsborough to be Assistant Under-Secretary (Naval Staff) January 9.
Mr D. E. J. Jago, on loan to the Cabinet Office from January 9.
Mr T. Buckley to be Director General Air Weapons and Electronic Systems January 2.
Birmingham Dr J Neville Birdsall, reader in New Testament studies and textual criticism in the department of theology, have been elected to a personal chair
Surgeon Captain T. R. W. Hampton, RN, to be promoted Surgeon Rear-Admiral from August 7 and to be Surgeon Rear-Admiral (Support Medical Services) in succession to Surgeon Rear-Admiral J. Cox.
Miss Gay Egginton, head of the Upper School and principal teacher of chemistry at St Margaret's School, Edinburgh, to be Headmistress of Laurel Bank School, Glasgow, in succession to Miss A. J. B. Sloan, who retires in August.

Marriage

Mr M. Churchill-Dawes and Mrs I. Peebles
The marriage took place quietly on Saturday, February 11, 1984, between Mr Montague Churchill-Dawes and Mrs Ursula Peebles, widow of Mr Ian Peebles.

OBITUARY

TOM KEATING

Self-confessed art imitator

Tom Keating, the self-confessed art imitator, who claimed that during 25 years he had produced some 2,000 fakes throwing the art market into disarray, died on February 12, aged 66.

Among the 100 or so artists he claimed to have copied, were masters such as Rembrandt, Goya, Gainsborough, Constable, Degas, Renoir and Turner. He called them "Sexton Blakes" – Cockney-rhyming slang for fakes. Had he not tried to imitate Samuel Palmer, a 19th-century artist, it is unlikely that his other fakes would have come to public notice. But 13 drawings by Palmer which had all come on to the market after 1970 aroused the suspicions of an art dealer.

An article in *The Times* by Geraldine Norman, our Sale Room correspondent, in July, 1976, about these doubtful drawings, led to further revelations by Keating himself who "openly confessed" to having done them. In a letter to *The Times* in August, 1976, Keating wrote: "I flooded the market with the 'work' of Palmer and many others, not for gain (I hope I am no materialist), but simply as a protest against merchants who make capital out of those I am proud to call my brother artists, both living and dead."

Keating claimed that he never wished his imitations to be muddled with a true master's work – and that in order to ensure this he would leave certain clues in the painting which would show up on closer investigation by buyers. He would for instance use white-lead paint (which would show up in an X-ray) to write his name, the word "fake", or a rude word, on the canvas before beginning a painting.

To make his work look old, Keating would use a heavy varnish, which would make it impossible to clean the picture without removing the paint along with the varnish. With drawings it was more difficult for Keating to denote them as fakes but he would use paper of the wrong period. Thus he claimed that his Palmer drawings are mainly on 20th century paper; his Rembrandt drawings on 18th century paper.

His Rembrandt drawings were done with quills, the brown juice from simmered apples, and a spoonful of Nescafé to give the appearance of age. His French Impressionists were done with poster paint mixed with housepainter's emulsion or egg white, "anything that would make a cheap thick paint."

As a trained picture restorer, Keating had gained a great deal of knowledge and skill in imitating artists from many schools and styles of painting – there was no need for him, like most fakers, to specialize in one artist or school. He confessed to faking the odd drawing from the 14th of 15th century as well as Russian icons.

In producing Dutch 17th century paintings, Keating found Paulus Potter and Van de Velde his favourites. Keating produced French 18th century artists such as Fragonard and Boucher; but he turned his special attention to the English school such as Turner, Constable and Gainsborough. He imitated Impressionists, such as Degas, and many others of that school, and Post-Impressionist and Expressionist painters.

Keating was born in Forest Hill – the son of a housepainter and charwoman – one of seven children who were brought up in poverty. He left home at the age of 14, and did many jobs in the building industry before becoming a house painter like his father. At the same time he went to evening classes at the Croydon and Camberwell schools of art, where he learnt sign writing and commercial art.

During the Second World War he served as a stoker in the navy; he was stranded in Singapore when the Japanese arrived, but managed to escape. His ship was torpedoed, and he was finally invalided out of the Services. In the meantime he had married the girl-friend of a comrade who had died.

During the post-war years he was struggling to find jobs when he was offered a grant to study art at Goldsmith's College. He started to study commercial art again and later fine art, but failed his final diploma examinations.

Keating went to Scotland for three years in the late 1950s before returning to London where he helped restore the frescoes in Marlborough House from 1960 to 1962. He started teaching his friend, Jane Kelly, painting and restoring in 1964. They moved to Tenerife in 1971 where they did up a peasant cottage, and Keating sold local landscapes to tourists. Some three years later his relationship with Jane Kelly, and his life in Tenerife, ended, and he moved to East Bergholt and Dedham.

Keating was arrested in July, 1977, on charges of conspiracy and criminal deception, together with Lionel Evans, an antique dealer, on similar charges. Shortly before his arrest, Keating, together with Geraldine Norman and Frank Norman, published an account of his life and work *The Fake's Progress*; and Geraldine Norman published *The Tom Keating Catalogue* of his illustrations to *The Fake's Progress*.

Five months elapsed before Keating was committed for trial. The trial which was described by *The Observer* as "the best free show in town" did not run its full course; all charges against him were dropped in 1979, after a report showing Keating to be suffering from heart and bronchial trouble. In 1983, a collection, totalling 135 of his paintings were sold at Christie's for £72,000.

In the first weeks of Channel 4, he gave a series of programmes showing how great painters achieved their effects, which won him a television award. Another series is due to start tommorow on Channel 4, showing the artist painting a picture in the style of Van Gogh.

MR IOAN EVANS

Mr Ioan Evans, Labour MP for Cynon Valley and an authority on Welsh affairs, died on February 10, aged 56. Since 1982 he had been an Opposition spokesman on European and Community matters. He represented Aberdare, as the seat was known until 1983, since 1974 and at the last election was returned with a 13,000 majority over the SDP/Alliance.

Ioan Lyonel Evans was born in July, 1927, and was educated at Llanelli Grammar School and Swansea University College. He was a party agent in Birmingham during two elections in the 1950s and entered Parliament in 1964 as Labour and Co-operative member for Birmingham Yardley. He was for a time secretary of the Birmingham and District Co-operative Party and vice-chairman of the West Midlands Parliamentary Group. He was an assistant Government Whip from 1966-68 and Comptroller of the Household from 1968-70.

In 1974 he was returned as Labour and Co-operative Member for Aberdare with a comfortable majority but at the end of that year resigned as parliamentary private secretary to the Secretary of State for Wales in protest against the plans for Welsh devolution. His chief objections were on the ground that millions of pounds would be spent annually and another 1,300 civil servants be needed. He thought that if a Welsh Assembly were set up it would lead not to devolution but to the centralization of local government power in Cardiff, and that a referendum should be held.

He also had extensive interests in European affairs, serving on committees connected with the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe, the Western European Union, and the Parliamentarians for World Order. In 1982 he returned to the front bench after 12 years, as number two to Mr Eric Heffer, spokesman on European and Community affairs.

He married in 1949 Maria (nee Griffiths); there were two children of the marriage, a son and a daughter.

PROF ALBERT KASTLER

Professor G. W. Series writes:

Your obituary notice of Professor Albert Kastler gave a distorted account of his work in relation to the laser, and did less than justice to his personal qualities. Kastler was indeed a distinguished scientist, but he was above all a courteous man, a kindly man, held in great affection as well as in great esteem by that younger generation who found their own scientific opportunities in the field which he first entered and named, "pompage optique".

He founded the school of "Spectroscopie Hertzienne" in the Ecole Normale Superieure from which a stream of brilliant young scientists has emerged to carry forward the studies of atoms and light – laser light now, more often than not.

But the "intense pure beam of radiation", as you describe the fluorescence from Kastler's optically pumped atoms, was not laser light. More important than the quality of the light given out was the response of atoms to the light sent in: the randomly-orientated atoms of the gas became co-oriented by optical pumping. This order, created from disorder, was the necessary first step for the studies of atomic structure which your notice mentions.

I think it is true to say that Kastler's work helped to create the scientific atmosphere in which the laser was born, but his was not the only, nor even the principal contribution. Townes, with Basov and Prokhorov, was justly rewarded in 1964 for the invention of the laser. It is not that "the matter was put right two years later", but simply that a most kindly and modest man, a scientist of great originality, received the Nobel Prize in 1966 for work which brought new tools, new ideas and new life into studies of atoms, molecules and light.

Science report

How the sea could cope with more pollution

By Tony Samstag

The ocean's capacity to degrade and disperse waste materials is not infinite but it is vast. Mr Alan Preston, research director of the Ministry of Agriculture's Fisheries Laboratory at Lowestoft, Suffolk, believes that isolated disasters such as the epidemic of mercury poisoning in Minamata Bay, Japan, have led reactively to "over-protection" of the marine environment, often at the expense of some other environmental sector.

Any realistic waste-management programme would inevitably mean increased exploitation of the sea's assimilative capacity, Mr Preston believes. "Some quantity of any material, no matter how noxious its qualities, can be introduced into the sea without producing unacceptable effects".

Enough work has been done on the concept of assimilative capacity to enable scientists to "develop quantitative limits with a precision adequate for sensible decisions about release rates to given locations in the marine environment".

The definition of high level radioactive waste worked out by the International Atomic Energy Agency to meet the requirements of the London Dumping Convention is one example.

A recent field study by the Directory of Fisheries Research of the effects on fish of the five million tonnes of sewage sludge dumped annually in the outer Thames Estuary lends some support to Mr Preston's thesis.

Scientists examined 7,345 fish for such diseases and abnormalities as fin rot, ulcers, haemorrhages, pigment abnormalities, nodules, and lymphocystis, and found "no evidence that dumping has significantly affected (their) incidence".

Only 398, or 5.4 per cent, of the sample showed any visible abnormality, and even those fish taken from areas known to be contaminated by the sewage sludge showed normal rates

THE TIMES
FINANCE AND INDUSTRY
Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Scrap the summit and get on with the job

The five men responsible for three-quarters of the industrial world's economy stood each other up yesterday. "G 5", the semi-private mafia of finance ministers from Britain, the United States, Japan, West Germany and France, had a date in Paris. It should have been the preliminary to their spring round of get-togethers, under the aegis of a variety of international institutions, which leads relentlessly to the annual summer economic summit.

Alarmed by the first slump for a generation, six heads of government met in Rambouillet in 1975 for the first of these summits. Since then, the communiqués have churned out the same old pledges, but the summits have degenerated into picturesque publicity occasions. It was nice for Mrs Thatcher to visit quaint colonial Williamsburg in exalted company 10 days before her election last year; President Reagan will be visiting London in the same spirit this summer. No wonder finance ministers, who get all the donkey work without the stardom, have begun to rebel.

Strongest growth since 1973

A healthy scepticism; nine years of economic summits have had meagre results. The leading nations were urged this way and that: first to expand together, so that none of them ran into balance of payments troubles, then to stagger their expansion, so their combined demand did not push up commodity prices. Neither phase was happy. Now, without any central directions, the main economies are between them achieving growth which looks stronger than at any time since 1973.

In Europe, so far the weakest region, even the cautious EEC Commission has just revised its forecasts for the better. Inflation is under better control than it has been for a decade. Is it time, then, to abolish the business of economic summitry, and leave Western world leaders to concentrate on trips to Moscow?

Their rosy economic picture is spoilt by three obvious areas of concern: the acute shortage of jobs, fears about the dollar and the level of international debt. Before finance ministers also abandon all pretence at fellowship (even the one really functional meeting of the spring, the interim committee of the International Monetary Fund, was for a time in doubt), it is just worth considering which of these issues might be susceptible to international economic statesmanship.

First, unemployment. The United States, which created more than 3 million jobs last year, sees it chiefly as a European problem. That is not quite fair: at the height of the recent recession, America was distinguished with the highest unemployment of any big economy except Britain. But apart from retaking the pledge against protectionism, there is precious little governments can do about employment together that they cannot do separately. International discussions may only be a distraction for the political grind of trying to clear clogged economic arteries back home.

Of course, exchange rates affect these efforts – and the dollar is the biggest bone of contention between Europe and America. But it is little use holding international meetings to worry at a bone. To Europeans, the United States appears grossly unneighbourly by holding up interest rates to help finance its budget deficit, thus damaging European recovery. To Americans – and not just defensive Reaganites – these appear to be specious complaints from a continent suffering from "Eurosclerosis", whose currencies have fallen because European capital has been attracted by the bounding health of the American economy.

There would be small hope of international summitry resolving this difference, even if it were not American election year. A more interesting question is whether Europe can agree anything to help itself. Mr Fred Bergsten, academic and former US Treasury assistant secretary, suggested last week that Europe should try to restrict flows of capital into the United States. This idea, which bubbles to the surface in Europe occasionally under the optimistic title "Ring Fence", is mistaken and mistimed. Today's maze of international financial flows is desperately hard for governments to block effectively.

Which, effectively, leaves the issue of international debt. Politicians are not the best people to handle this. The next move in the delicate disentangling of international debt should be a steady lengthening of reschedulings, smoothing out the maturity bulges that threaten to move each country's debt problem from difficulty to danger, and at the same time forcing banks to take a more realistic view of the quality of their outstanding debt. The best agents of this change are the central banks and international financial institutions.

During Britain's domestic debt crisis in 1979-81, the Bank of England quietly steered the banks away from many an industrial bankruptcy, allowing the politicians to continue publicly refusing to rescue lame ducks. In the same way, central banks and international financial institutions can continue to steer bankers round the pitfalls of sovereign default without laying their governments open to demands for financial subsidies from every mismanaged economy. On the international scale, however, these institutions need the continuing overt support of their political masters, signed and sealed at international meetings; and a particular commitment from the United States.

US under an obligation

Today's greediest international borrower is no Third World low-income country hungry for development capital – it is rich and developed America, which of all economies ought to be able to finance itself out of domestic savings. For so long as the United States in unable or unwilling to do so, it is under a particular obligation to support the efforts of the international organizations and central banks to keep up the flow of commercial bank lending to countries which would otherwise be "crowed out" of world markets.

What is more, it is in America's interests to put things right. Wall Street is jumpy that dependence on foreign capital makes the dollar vulnerable; internationally exposed American banks stand to lose from the drastic drying-up of capital flows to the Third World. Raising this issue to the televisual excitement of a summit tends to bring out the worst in all parties. Reaching some measure of quiet agreement at less public international meetings worth a few Concorde flight hours of any finance minister's time.

Sarah Hogg
Economics Editor

Decision on aid for A320 launch expected this week

By Peter Wilson-Smith

A decision is imminent on government launch aid for the A320 Airbus which is expected to pave the way for Britih Aerospace's continued participation in the project.

A spokesman for the Department of Trade and Industry said yesterday: "The Government fully recognizes the importance of the A320 to the British and European aerospace industries. We are expecting to reach a decision shortly."

Sources in Whitehall said there could well be an announcement this week. Although the extent of government aid in the form of a repayable deferred-interest loan is uncertain and British Aerospace is not expected to get all it has asked for, there are now strong indications that the Government is keen to see the project go ahead.

Mrs Thatcher is said to have lent her backing to the project. Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, is believed to have been initially sceptical about the commercial viability of the A320 when he took over at the department last autumn. But recently he has been promoting the idea among Cabinet colleagues.

British Aerospace has asked the Government for £437m, or two-thirds of the £640m it needs to gain a 26 per cent share of the work on the aeroplane alongside West Germany, France and Spain.

British Aerospace would make the wings on the aircraft, 150-seater aircraft, which is due to come into service in around 1987-88. The project would provide work for up to 4,000 British Aerospace employees.

British Aerospace has said that without government launch aid, it will pull out of the project.

Government concern that the project could turn out to be another white elephant along the lines of Concorde has delayed a decision on the funding. But fears that Airbus Industrie, the European consortium, could lose out to American manufacturers and pressure from France and West Germany are believed to have helped bring about a decision.

The Prime Minister may be behind the project, but it was stressed yesterday that this did no mean the Government would provide all the £437m, requested and a deal is likely to involve greater private sector participation.

British Aerospace is reluctant to raise private-sector finance because of the debt servicing costs it would incur, the deferred-interest loan it has requested until revenues started coming in.

However, there is speculation that British Aerospace's merchant bankers have already made tentative soundings in the City to see what level of private sector funds might be forthcoming.

It was also being pointed out yesterday that the £437m requested of government allows for inflation and would not be needed at once but in stages.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Flotation of Mirror 'on schedule'

Reed International says it is to consider within three weeks the final draft of plans for the £100m Stock Exchange flotation of Mirror Group Newspapers.

However, doubts have been growing over whether the group will be able to come to market, as expected, by the end of April.

Mr Leslie Carpenter, Reed chief executive, said: "We always said that we would float the group in the first half of this year. I am still working on that time scale."

Mirror Group Newspapers, under the chairmanship of Mr Clive Thornton, has been working on proposals which would allow the group of six newspapers to enshrine editorial independence into the new company's rules.

● **The completion** of the biggest Western loan to the Soviet Union in more than three years has been delayed by the death of President Andropov. The lead banks were unable to complete the remaining details of the package on Friday which would have shown how comfortably over-subscribed the $150m loan was going to be.

● **British exports** to Eastern Europe rose twice as fast as those to the Middle East last year, and even outpaced the increase in British sales worldwide. Mr Anthony Hore, executive secretatry of the East European Trade Council, says: "The star performers in terms of our exports were the Soviet Union, where sales rose 25 per cent to £445m in 1983, and Poland, where they went up 14 per cent to 152m."

At £949m, exports to the block as a whole were up by 10 per cent – 1 per cent in front of the global trade increase. Imports from Eastern Europe performed even better, rising 15 per cent to £1.301m, and producing a £352 surplus in its favour.

● **Generale Occidentale Inc**, the group headed by Sir James Goldsmith, refused to comment on reports that Goldsmith interests had acquired between 8 and 9 per cent of St Regis Corporation,, the forest products, insurance and energy group.

MAM awaits copyright ruling

By Jonathan Clare

Judgment will be deliverd tomorrow on Management Agency and Music's appeal against an earlier decision, which awarded Mr Gilbert O'Sullivan, the singer, copyright of his songs.

The appeal judgment will be almost two years after Mr O'Sullivan started his action in February 1982.

In May 1982, Mr Justice Mars-Jones said that Mr O'Sullivan had been exploited by Mr Gordon Mills, his former manager and the chairman of MAM. He awarded Mr O'Sullivan the copyright of his songs with records and master tapes.

The judge said that between 1970 and 1978 records made by Mr O'Sullivan had grossed about £14.5m from which the singer made £400,000 pretax.


Gilbert O'Sullivan: one record generated £2m

MAM's earnings from the O'Sullivan records were put at about £3m.

MAM's subsequent appeal was heard last December. The appeal has delayed publication of MAM's results for the year to July, which should have been announced in December.

Last week, the company said it hoped to publish figures on Wednesday when it has been able to assess the effects of the appeal judgment.

Analysts say it is difficult to gauge the size of the potential liability to MAM if the appeal fails to overturn the first judgment.

By 1973, Mr O'Sullivan had generated more than £2m from the sale of just one record, *Himself*. But his royalty payment from MAM was kept at 5 per cent when other singers were on 8 per cent.

Maynards rejects new offer from Cartier

By Our Financial Staff

Mr Lewis Cartier, the entrepreneur who turned a butcher's round into Cartiers Superfoods, has told the board of Maynards that he was prepared to raise his bid from 250p to 265p.

The increased offer for the toy, sweet and newsagent group was subject to the board's recommendation of Mr Cartier's partial bid to gain control of 51.8 per cent of the shares and the adoption of a stamp duty saving scheme. Mr Cartier said he was prepared to raise the offer to 260p in return for agreement by the board and throw in another 5p for the cost-reducing plans.

But the approach was rebuffed by the Maynards board which said it was still inadequate.

In a letter to shareholders posted at the weekend, Mr Cartier said the board had rejected his proposals out of hand: "I will not approach your board again," he wrote. Yesterday he said: "It was worth money to get agreement. It was not because we think the company was worth any more. A fully recommended offer is worth 10 per cent but these people would not talk."

Yesterday the Maynards board also put out its defence document which promises that the sale of the newsagent shops will raise a net figure "significantly in excess of £3.5m." It has also updated its profits forecast for the year to June to £1.4m after a much reduced loss from the newsagent shops in the six months to December. The £3.5m is after expected redundancy costs and capital gains tax.

The part bid, which values Maynards at more than £12m, finally closes on Friday. So far, Mr Cartier has acceptances for 23 per cent of Maynards shares.

Bid nears for Prestige

By Our Financial Staff

A bid is expected soon for Prestige Group, the American-controlled kitchenware maker, after weekend confirmation that a City consortium has been established to make an approach through Barclays Merchant Bank.

An approach has been expected since October when American Home Products, Prestige's parent, told investors in New York that it was prepared to sell the whole the whole of its houseware division, which includes Prestige.

Prestige is already traded on the Stock Exchange, but AHP, a US foods and pharmaceuticals group, has a 75 per cent stake and is therefore the key to control.

The consortium is said to be made up mainly of clients of Phillips & Drew, the stockbrokers, but also includes some of Prestige's British management.

In October, Mr John Culligan, AHP's chairman, said the houseware division might not meet his company's criteria for growth in the long term.

The suggested price for the consortium bid is 240p, below the year's high of 260p, but well above the level of 188p before the October Statement. Such a bid would value Prestige at more than £45m.

Prestige employs more than 1,500 people in Britain and makes products ranging from tin openers to pressure cookers.

Premiums on satellites may soar

By Bill Johnstone
Technology Correspondent

Lloyd's underwriters are expected to increase their premiums for satellite insurance by at least 20 per cent, after a review this week, in the wake of the double disaster on the Space Shuttle mission when two communication satellites were lost.

They will also have to consider whether they would underwrite an attempt by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa), the owners of the Shuttle, to recover the satellites during a future mission.

The London market, which will pay out about £75m on the two satellite claims this week, will be looking for a way to recover the deficit. The satellites lost last week were Westar 6, owned by Western Union and insured for $105m, of which half was in the London market, and Palapa B2, an Indonesian Government satellite re-insured for $77m, of which two thirds was placed in London.

The underwriters will be pressing for an early report from Nasa on what precisely happened during the mission so that they can best assess future risks.

Any proof of technical failure which could recur may mean a design enhancement and a requote on the insurance premium.

Hughes, American Telephone and Telegraph and the Australians have plans to launch satellites soon. Each would be insured for about $80m and at least half of that would be placed in the London market.

How much the premiums will increase to compensate for the losses is as yet undisclosed.

There are expected to be underwriters who will be frightened of dealings but Mr Stephen Merrett, chairman of Merrett Syndication and one of Londons leading experts on space insurance, said yesterday: Some may be attracted by the higher premiums."

US NOTEBOOK

Monetarist nightmare for Reagan

The rise of 0.6 per cent in the American producer price index in Janaury raises the grim prospect for the Reagan Administration of a combination of sharp slowdown in economic growth and a sharp increase in the rate of inflation in 1984. This is a nightmare for the President.

In terms of economic management, the trend may well have peaked out in December 1983, with a year of strong economic growth and declining inflation behind him.

From now on, things may get worse quite quickly. Between December 1982 and December 1983 producer (wholesale) prices in the United States rose 0.6 per cent. In December they rose 0.1 per cent and in November they actually fell 0.2 per cent.

The "consensus" expectation was that producer prices would rise about 0.2 per cent in January. Thus, the rise of 0.6 per cent – equal to the rise during the whole of 1983 – took the markets by surprise and frightened them. Treasury bond futures immediately fell 7/32, the Treasury long bond of 2001-2013 fell more than a full point.

One month's figures do not make a trend. However, Professor Milton Friedman and other monetarists like Professor Karl Brunner of Rochester University, New York, have been predicting a big upsurge of inflation in 1984 for almost a year.

These economists have had their gaze fixed on the unprecedented increase in the stock of M1 money measure between July 1982 and July 1983, when M1 rose 13½ per cent.

Professor Friedman and Professor Brunner objected violently to the speed of that buildup of money, arguing that it would lead to inflation in 1984 and that it would also likely lead to a recession in 1984, because the Federal Reserve would be obliged to apply the brakes very suddenly to such a rate of money growth. If the monetarists' forecast comes about President Reagan will face a nasty shock. He will be looking at an economy whose growth rate is falling sharply – where inflation is rising to an annual rate of 6 or 7 per cent – and where the US dollar may start to wilt.

Maxwell Newton

BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY – Interims: Dalgety, Impala Platinum, Manganese Bronze Holdings, Murray Caladonian Investment Trust, Press Tools. **Finals:** Canadian Pacific, Habit Precision Engineering, Manchester Ship Canal, Murray Western Investment Trust, Nottingham Manufacturing.
TOMORROW – Interims: Ariel Industries, Fleet Holdings, Hampson Industries, Peerless. **Finals:** Bio Isolates (Holdings), GM Firth (Holdings), General Funds Investment Trust.
WEDNESDAY – Interims: Robert M Douglas, Reliance Industries, W H Smith and Son (Holdings), TR City of London Trust, H Young Holdings. **Finals:** Birmid Qualcast, Copenhagen Handelsbank A/S, Crest Nicholson, General Consolidated Investment Trust, London and Lomond Investment Trust, Reed Executive, Securicor, Security Services.
THURSDAY – Interims: MS International. **Finals:** Alexanders Holdings, River and Mercantile Trust, River Plate and General Investment Trust, Trust of Property Shares, Updown Investment Co.
FRIDAY – Finals: Glasgow Stockholders Trust, Hadland Holdings, Ozalid Group Holdings (amended).

ANNUAL MEETINGS

TOMORROW – Hardys & Hansons, Kimberley Brewery, Nottingham (noon); **NSS Newsagents**, Duke Street, Woking, Surrey (2.30); **Tomkinsons**, Duke Place, Kidderminster (noon); **Williams Lea Group**, 234/248 Old Street, EC1 (noon).
WEDNESDAY – The Cronite Group, the Connaught Rooms, Great Queens Street, WC2 (noon); **Pyke Holdings**, the Connaught Rooms, Great Queens Street, WC2 (noon).
THURSDAY – Dobson Park Industries, Albany Hotel, Nottingham (noon).
FRIDAY – Arthur Lee & Sons, Shore Lane, Sheffield (12.30).

ORDINARY SHARES

Whisky: buy now while stocks last

Peter Temple

To the man in the street a bottle of Scotch may seem a fairly prosaic item, albeit one with a relatively high price and perhaps prestige connotations. Underlying this straightforward image, however, is a picture of an industry every bit as cyclical as housebuilding, insurance underwriting, the price of gold, or the stock market itself.

There are two major identifiable cyclical patterns in the Scotch whisky industry. The first relates to the problem of matching production to demand. In many industries this would scarcely be a problem. In the whisky business, because of the legally required period of maturation, the manufacturer is obliged to plan production requirements on the basis of estimated demand on average six years ahead. A sharp change in demand over the intervening period, therefore, leaves the distiller with a shortage or a glut of maturing whisky.

In the recent past, the rate of growth in demand for Scotch world wide has fallen dramatically and the resulting surplus stock has been overhanging the industry for several years, creating both a financing burden and also necessitating sharply reduced production.

This pattern has been exacerbated by a second cyclical influence related to the inventory of finished product held by distributors and retailers in major export markets. When consumer demand started to fall, the incentive for a whisky distributor/wholesaler to hold high stocks vanished; holding excess stocks was at the time also being penalized by high interest rates. The resultant destocking intensified the drop in consumer demand and magnified the problem for the distiller by throwing previous production plans even further out of kilter.

Some stability has now returned to the industry; maturing stocks are gradually being reduced back to a more normal level, distributor destocking has run its course and in some markets demand for the product is reviving slowly.

The question which the industry cannot yet answer is whether or not it will shortly experience the reverse of this process in the form of a dramatic cyclical upswing, distributors restocking, a shortage of mature whisky and consequently sharply increased production. Logic suggests this is unlikely, but emotion and crowd psychology may take over in much the same way as they do from time to time in the stock market.

At any event some return to normally appear overdue and some modest underlying volume growth can be expected to reassert itself over the next few years. The US market remains the flywheel – large, mature, slowly eroding but nevertheless a powerful influence on profitability. The erstwhile highly profitable growth market of Latin America may take some considerable time to revive, so

US is the flywheel, but growth must be sought elsewhere

it is to increasing market penetration in areas such as Continental Europe, Japan, even South Africa, that the distillers must look for growth.

Distillers (252p.) continues to dominate the industry worldwide and because of its development as a federation of brand owning and marketing companies has a huge portfolio of brands, some of which are in the ascendancy, some in decline, some strong in certain markets and weak in others. Though a source of strength, this also has had its drawbacks, a large market share being difficult to defend against a series of determined smaller competitors.

The industry itself must bear some of the blame for the conservative and unimaginative way in which Scotch has been marketed in the past. There are some signs that this may be changing, just as Distillers' own marketing approach appears to be.

The emergence of a unified marketing approach for a Distillers' brands in the home market is a revolutionary development for the company, particularly if it is seen as precursor of similar moves in overseas markets, and taken in conjunction with a perhaps harder headed approach to costs. If this revolution can eventually be successfully completed, the potential gains for Distillers are substantial, the (perhaps trickier) task thereafter being successful diversification, or as least an effective broadening of the company's base within the drinks industry.

The two other brand-dominated companies – **Arthur Bell** (150p.) and **Highland Distilleries** (104p.) – present differing features. **Bells** faces the problem of a dominant, but rapidly maturing, brand position in the home market but equally has opportunity for further significant expansion of sales in the export trade, most notably in the United States, and for a highly professional and determined management team capable of putting this into effect. The market has already come to terms with the fact that the period of explosive growth in Bells profits is now past and the rating on the shares is probably a little too low given the opportunities in the US which will be reinforced by the acquisition of Gleneagles Hotels.

Of the two, **Highland** looks the more attractive proposition. The rapid growth of Famous Grouse continues and in a sense the company can be said to be in the position Bells was, say, eight years ago with, from a strong base in Scotland, the gradual achievement of national distribution in the UK and successful initial forays into the export market now taking place and offering the prospect of substantial profits growth for some years to come. Moreover, Highland's position in the "fillings" market (the sale of new and matured whiskies to independent blenders) should give an extra kick to profits once that market revives in the wake of the upswing in the cycle mentioned earlier.

Of the remaining quoted stocks in the sector, **Macdonald Martin**, proprietors of Glenmorangie (675p.) and **Macallan** (690p.) have a foot in both camps as both brand owners and as suppliers to the blending trade. Stock market interest in thes stocks is, however, limited by controlling family shareholdings.

With **Invergordon** (147p.) and **Tomatin**, prospects for the fillings market (grain whisky in Invergordon's case) assume greater importance. Grain appears likely to recover somewhat earlier and therefore Invergordon looks the better way of playing an upswing in the cycle, though this is already partly reflected in the share price. With **Tomatin** (29p.) the archetypal marginal producer, the question remains whether or not the malt fillings market revives strongly before further major refinancing is required.

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Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9%
Barclays	9%
BCCI	9%
Citibank Savings	†10¼%
Consolidated Crds	9%
Continental Trust	9%
C. Hoare & Co	*9%
Lloyds Bank	9%
Midland Bank	9%
Nat Westminster	9%
TSB	9%
Williams & Glyn's	9%

† Mortgage Base Rate
• 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 6¼%, £10,000 up to £50,000 6¾%, £50,000 and over, 7¼%.

Capitalization and week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Begin, Today. Dealings End, Feb 24. § Contango Day, Feb 27. Settlement Day, March 5.
§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.
(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)

INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK ● USM REVIEW

Hartons poised to expand in Europe

Expect details this week of another acquisition by Hartons, the plastics distribution to electrical and nursery products group. which was formed from the demerger of Francis Sumner non-textile interests.

Hartons has wanted for some time to expand its Visijar Tuckers subsidiary, supplying silicone and sealants to the glazing industry. It is believed the board has been in negotiations with a leading European manufacturer to acquire part of its business and fulfil its own policy of expanding geographically.

Last year. Hartons raised more than £500,000 by a rights issue and used the money to reduce borrowings totalling £2.2m. Interim figures showed pretax profits leaping from £100.000 to £512,000 and Hartons' own broker, Foster Braithwaite. is forecasting a final outcome for the year of £1.25m, which may lead to a re-rating of the shares after rationalization.

Hartons has carried out an active acquisition programme over the past few years , and now looks set again to step up the pace. At Friday's close of 36p the group is capitalized at nearly £10m.

Robert Horne Group the paper merchant has announced its intention of joining the Unlisted Securities Market. Details are expected over the next couple of weeks.

The group. which is Britain's biggest independent paper merchant, plans to offer 1.8 million shares in units of one voter and one non-voting share. Eyebrows have been raised in the market at this unorthodox offer for sale and dealers have complained it will complicate the flotation.

Robert Horne was formed by the Horne family in 1925 and over the past seven years has seen pretax profits grow from £1.4m to £4m, on sales up from £36.7m to £86m. Leading shareholders include County Bank and Investors in Industry.

After the sale the Horne family will continue to own more than 50 per cent shares. The amount being offered represents about 12.5 per cent.

Dealings start this morning in **John Kent**, the menswear retailer with 29 branches in London and the Home Counties. Strauss Turnbull, the stock broker. has placed 7 million shares, about 70 per cent of the equity, at 35p a share.

LPA Industries,the industrial electrical accessories manufacturer, is going ahead with plans to transfer from trading under Rule 163 to USM. LPA says the reason for transfering is simple. A large number of its shares are now held by about 200 outside shareholders, and a quote on the USM would facilitate public transactions in the shares.

The news would also be favourably received by the group's suppliers. But Mr Simon Knott, a non-executive director in LPA and senior partner of the group's brokers, Greene & Company, puts it simply: "I think my colleagues wanted to make the move. It has added 60 per cent to the share price in the past month".

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About 55 per cent of shares in LPA have been quoted under Rule 163 (2) since 1967 and over the past four years pretax profits have grown from £426,000 to £725,000 on turnover up from £2.7m to £4.8m.

Shares, of **Heelamat**, the shoe repair group with more than 100 branches, ended the week at 74p after some interim figures showing the group back on a recovery tack. Pretax profits rose from £75,000 to £136,000, but Mr Mike Strom, chairman, warned shareholders not to expect a similar performance in the second half.

However, Heelamat's profits are still way below the record level achieved when the group became one of the founders of the USM in November 1980.

Michael Clark

ECONOMIC VIEW

The first plank of the Chancellor's budget strategy will slot into place with publication on Thursday of the public spending White Paper, setting out the Government's spending plans to 1986-87.

These will show a lower-than-expected estimate of the spending overrun in 1983-84 of about £700m, bringing the public spending total to £120.3 billion, rising to £126.4 billion in 1984-85 and 137 billion in 1986-87.

The encouraging spending outlook is likely to be echoed in the January public sector borrowing requirement announced the same day. Most analysts expect a substantial surplus – £2 billion or more.

The detailed money supply breakdown for January, also out on Thursday, may strike a more gloomy note. Bank lending, according to some analysts, could be as high as £1.5 billion or more.

The Government is hoping for cheerful news about the industrial production index for December, out tomorrow. The City is predicting anything from virtual stagnation to a rise of one per cent.

Finance ministers from the 24 industrial countries making up the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development begin a two-day meeting today in Paris on long-term economic policies. Mr Peter Rees, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, will represent Britain.

On Wednesday the Treasury Select Committee of MPs will release its report on the Chancellor's autumn economic statement.

Also published this week are the December index for average earnings on Wednesday and the Treasury's *Economic Progress Report* on Thursday.

THE GILT-EDGED MARKET

Budget deficits and inflation are the key to performance

Michael Jankowski

Policy inconsistencies in the US are something we have learned to live with. High government borrowing coupled with a tight money policy generated conditions whereby control of the money stock produced substantial movements in short-term interest rates. Interest rates were raised to unprecedented heights and the dollar followed. After the US Federal Reserve Board's effective decision to target interest rates rather than the money supply in July/August 1982, such fiscal/monetary policy inconsistencies became less apparent. The problem of the budget deficit, however, re-emerged in another form.

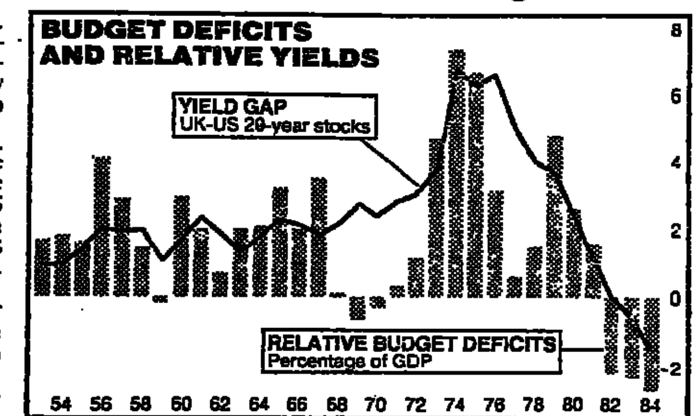
High government borrowing, it is feared, will either boost the economy to such a degree that upward inflationary pressure would ensue, or the Federal Reserve would be forced to accommodate the deficit by allowing the money supply to grow more rapidly, causing inflationary expectations to worsen. Judging from the Federal Reserve Board Chairman's comments, accommodation is out of the question and, therefore a tightening in money supply is in prospect. The resulting market perception is that interest rates are now on the rise and the deficit is the problem.

While acknowledging that the dollar is fundamentally overvalued and will – eventually return to more realistic levels, is it possible to argue that the gilt-edged market can rise given no improvement in the US budget deficit and no signs of a weakening dollar?

The chart plots the difference in gross redemption yields on 20-year US Treasury and British gilt-edged stocks (the solid line). A positive figure denotes a situation where British yields are higher than their US Treasury counterparts. Also plotted is the difference in sizes of the two countries' budget deficits (as a proportion of each country's national output). A positive figure here indicates a larger British deficit. What is interesting is the *positive correlation between the* two. Historically, gilt yields exceeded those on US Treasury bonds by more than 2 per cent, but in 1980/81 – a period which coincided with a smaller relative British budget deficit – a sharp reversal occurred. Statistical analysis reveals that inflation also plays a key (although less powerful) role. Looking to early 1985, therefore, relative market performance will be determined by deficits and inflation in the two countries.

As a share of national output, the budget deficits in both the US and Britain will decline. The scale of improvement in the US will be distinctly less than in Britain. In money terms, the US deficit will stay close to where it was last year at $195 billion whereas Britain's public sector borrowing requirement will be reduced from £9 – 9½ billion to £7½ – 8 billion. With inflation, the performance of the countries is expected to be broadly similar to mid-year although the perception of US inflation trends later in the year is expected to deteriorate.

Taken together, the two factors could result in the 20 year yield difference widening to more than 200 basis points. With US 20-year bonds now yielding 1.3 per cent more than a comparable British gilt, this maturity area of the British market could rise even if the US market falls significantly. When one examines the 10-15 year area of the two markets where the existing gap is much *smaller, the case is even more* strongly in favour of gilts. The negative US influence in the British gilt-edged market, therefore, is overemphasized.



Shorter term, the considerations are slightly different. In addition to the Budget and the next set of money supply figures, the market will be assessing the implications of the Government's decision to issue for the first time since October 1981, a new long-dated stock – Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998. It was thought that the Government would keep the longer-dated area free of new stock so as to provide room for the corporate borrower.

The authorities appear to be testing the water when their short-term need for funding is small. Already within the February banking month (January 19 - February 15) they have secured about £1.25 billion in debt sales which is more than adequate to keep monetary growth within target. Now operating as a "tap" (a system whereby the Bank of England supplies stock to the market at a price), the new Exchequer stock is likely to attract taxed institutions from longer maturity areas (in the twenty first century). Consequently, twenty first century stocks are likely to be adversely affected: the "scarcity" premium will begin to fall and switching into the new stock will technically weaken them.

Particularly attractive stocks *are Exchequer 12¼ per cent* 1992, Funding 6 per cent 1993, Exchequer 12½ per cent 1994, Treasury 8¾ per cent 1997, and Exchequer 12 per cent 1998. Risk, however, must play a role, particularly for the private investor. Longer-dated stocks have larger price movements for a given change in yields and hence they can be riskier.

The private investor, therefore, may prefer the shorter-dated area of the market where there is a greater capital certainty.

The choice of stocks in this area depends upon the income tax rate of the investor. Low rate taxpayers (30-40 per cent) may find the Treasury Convertible 8¾ per cent 1985, Exchequer 11¾ per cent 1986, and Treasury Convertible 10¼ per cent 1987 attractive, while corporations could do well in Exchequer 2½ per cent 1987.

The conventional market holds little for the high rate taxpayer (60-75 per cent). Net yields are low, even if some income is capitalized. If the investor has no need for the money in the foreseeable future, the two shorter index-linked stocks, Treasury 2 per cent 1988 and Treasury 2 per cent 1990, are attractive. At high tax rates, inflation would need to average *3-3¼ per cent over the next few* years to justify holding conventional stocks.

Finally, an interesting situation exists within the 1986-87 area of the market, where the market is looking for a rise in interest rates of 2 to 3 per cent in 18 months time. If one expects anything less than this, buying the Treasury Convertible 10¼ per cent 1987 would be attractive.

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Unlisted Securities

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
8.789,000	A & M Hire	20	-1½	0.3	1.5	26.0
7.507,000	Aaronite	143	-8	3.6	2.5	28.0
150.4m	Acorn Comp	134	-5	..	..	31.9
1.458,000	Acsis Jewel	27	-4	..	..	..
10.2m	Adam Leisure	41	-2	1.4	3.5	5.2
10.8m	Aldcom Int	86	-5	0.9	1.0	64.2
23.1m	Air Call	428	-20	8.0	1.9	21.4
7.919,000	Airship Ind	63	-7	..	..	..
7.751,000	Applied Botanics	18½	-1½	..	..	..
72.7m	Aspinall Hldgs	140	..	..	..	..
42.0m	Asprey & Co	£7	-½	22.9	3.3	11.6
37.4m	Baltic Leasing	327	-2	4.0n	1.2	14.9
6.240,000	Bensons Crisps	130	-6	2.7	2.1	33.5
12.5m	Berkley Exp	123	+20	..e	..	..
8.462,000	Bio-Isolates	110	-1	..	..	..
5.250,000	Biomechanics	68	-8	..	..	..
2.589,000	Black M.	63	h +7	4.3	6.8	9.1
3.686,000	Breville Europe	23	+1	7.0b	31.8	5.1
5.632,000	Brewmaker	32	-3	..	..	..
3.916,000	Bryant D.	178	+3	7.5b	4.2	45.6
28.0m	Bula Resources	30	+4	..	..	..
4.108,000	Business Comp	70	..	1.4	2.0	11.5
21.9m	CPU Computer	136	-15	2.0	1.5	31.1
4.253,000	Cavermoor	103	-2	5.2b	5.0	..
10.5m	Cass Grp	180	..	3.6	2.0	22.3
10.3m	Castle GB	66	+7	3.6b	4.2	14.6
50.6m	Cent Ind TV NV	211	..	..	..	..
5.078,000	Chem Methods	40	..	6.3	16.7	..
18.3m	Cifer	118	-2	..	..	18.7
1,606,000	City Site Est	44	..	0.8	1.9	..
10.2m	Cluff Oil	90	-8	..	..	..
10.8m	Do B	90	-8	..	..	..
9.200,000	Cobra Emerald	92	-6	..	..	..
6.124,000	Coleman Milne	53	+3	2.1b	4.0	10.6
5.841,000	Consults (C&F)	590	-30	4.3	0.7	70.9
8.625,000	C'ntl Microwave	380	s -25	5.0	1.4	20.0
16.7m	Cornell Hldgs	290	+22	..e	..	..
2,529,000	Cramphorn	£11½	..	35.7	3.4	8.9
14.6m	DBE Tech	120	-5	..	..	..
1,116,000	DJ Sec Alarms	93	-5	3.0	3.2	16.8
2,640,000	De Brett A	33	-3	3.6	10.8	8.0
1,289,000	Delmar Grp	26	-2	3.6b	14.6	6.3
10.3m	Dencora	32	..	..b	..	25.6
12.9m	Druck Hldgs	258	-10	3.7	1.4	24.2
1.372,000	Dunton Grp	12	-½	..	..	42.9
673,000	Ecobric Hldgs	58	-2	..	..	..
9,065,000	Edinburgh Sec	65	..	0.2b	0.2	..
14.0m	Eldridge Pope	654	-8	12.2	2.8	13.9
2,954,000	Energy Finance	30	-1	1.9	6.2	4.6
5,317,000	Equipu	120	-5	4.9	4.1	11.1
3,671,000	Exeter Building	121	-6	10.0	8.3	4.3
15.3m	FII Ltd	93	-2	4.0	4.3	12.7
4.500,000	Fed Housing	50	..	3.5	7.0	8.3
19.5m	Feedback	233	-10	3.6	1.5	23.8
12.5m	Fitch & Co.	245	+5	6.2	2.5	27.5
18.9m	Flextech	105	..	..	..	17.5
9,567,000	Flogas	59	-1	2.5	4.2	..
15.4m	Floyd Oil	95	-5	..	..	..
13.8m	Framlington Grp	690	..	9.3b	1.3	15.6
28.5m	French Conn	168	-2	3.7	2.2	19.0
17.4m	Freshbake Foods	81	-4	1.2b	1.5	13.3
20.9m	Fuller Smith	350	-10	6.7	1.9	17.8
29.1m	Gable Hse Prop	70	..	3.3	4.7	3.6
7,852,000	Garfunkels	158	-7	2.7b	1.6	17.4
14.4m	Gee (Cecil)	133	-3	3.0	2.3	26.4
11.5m	Gibbs Mew	210	-5	6.8	3.2	..
5.878,000	Gilbert Hse Inv	22	-1	..	..	..
2,938,000	Godwin Warren	82	-1	2.0b	2.4	11.9
2.109,000	Gould Laurence	103	-2	4.3b	4.1	..
11.2m	Grainger Tst	260	..	6.0	2.3	14.2
1.375,000	Greenwich Cable	55	-3	..	..	..
1.032,000	Guernsey At Sec	153	..	..	..	68.5
4.800,000	HB Electronics	120	-5	1.6	1.3	22.7
2.489,000	Hadland Hldgs	78	-2	3.6	4.6	..
44.6m	Hadson Pet	72	-8	..b	..	..
3.320,000	Hardanger Prop	166	+1	14.0n	8.4	4.0
9.646,000	Hartons Grp	36	+1½	0.8b	2.2	52.9
3.520,000	Harvey & Thomp	112	+2	2.1	1.9	25.2
3.633,000	Haytera	155	+5	15.0	9.7	7.5
2.294,000	Heelamat Hldgs	74	-9	8.0	10.8	8.3
5.320,000	High-Point serv	140	-2	2.1	1.5	19.1
2.411,000	Humberside Elec	14	..	..n	..	60.9
13.4m	Hunterprint	163	-13	4.6	2.8	14.3
11.2m	ICC Oil	26	-1	0.0	0.1	33.3
4.792,000	Im Bus Systems	71	-29	..	..	..
8.400,000	Imtec Grp	84	..	3.0	3.6	18.4
3.104,000	Ind Fin & Inv	98	+2	3.2	3.3	9.2
10.5m	Inn Leisure	40	-2	0.6b	1.5	18.8
12.2m	Int'europe Tech	244	-5	6.0	2.5	53.6
7.173,000	Intervision Vid	35	-1	1.4	4.1	18.5
59.8m	Invent Energy	383	+40	..b	..	..
1.471,000	JSD Comp Grp	27	-1	3.0	11.1	15.3
957,000	Jayplant	27	-1	..	..	21.6
25.6m	Jebsens Drill	160	-6	12.5	7.8	2.6
5.258,000	Johnsen & Jorg	80	-3	4.5	5.6	11.1
10.3m	Johnstone Paints	98	+2	5.4	5.4	7.5
8.519,000	KLP Group	175	-10	..	..	38.6
48.1m	Kean & Scott	55	..	1.4b	2.6	0.1
2,777,000	Kenyon Secs	188	-2	13.4	7.1	12.5
3.670,000	Laidlaw Grp	43	-2	2.7b	6.2	5.5
573,000	Ldn & Man Secs	14	-1	20.4	..	9.0
3.137,000	Do 10p Ord	14	-1½	..	..	9.0
5.339,000	Ldn Cont Adv	34	-2	0.3	0.9	27.0
1.220,000	Ldn Priv Health	30½	+4½	..	..	..
6,250,000	Lorlin Elec	125	-3	1.4b	1.1	32.6
4.048,000	MME Facilities	44	-2	2.0b	4.5	14.9
2.160,000	MMT Computing	108	..	2.4b	2.2	20.7
1.435,000	Malnmet	58	-2	..	..	..
[illegible]	McLaughlin & H	145	..	9.4	6.5	7.4
[illegible]	[illegible]	105	..	4.9	4.6	14.6
[illegible]	Mellorware	116	..	3.6b	3.1	..
10.6m	Memory Comp	250	+5	2.3	0.9	44.4
10.1m	Merrydown Wine	390	+10	7.1	1.8	19.4
5.188,000	Metal Bulletin	118	..	8.6	7.3	11.4
4.752,000	Metal Sciences	22	-2	..	..	..
37.4m	Micro Business	275	..	1.4	0.5	41.6
2,822,000	Microfilm Reprg	63	-2	2.1	2.6	..
60.9m	Micro Focus	590	-60	..b	..	..
14.5m	Microgen Hldgs	448	-10	8.6	1.9	30.1
7.174,000	Microlease	211	-5	2.9b	1.4	..
4.016,000	Midland Marts	108	-3	5.7	5.3	12.9
841,000	Midsummer Inns	145	..	3.6	2.5	16.4
4.410,000	Miles 33	210	-5	2.9	1.4	22.4
2.730,000	Miss World	140	-3	4.3b	3.1	17.5
21.4m	Mnemos	48	-7	..	..	..
13.7m	Moray Firth M	224	..	10.0	4.5	17.0
1.554,000	Morland Sec	120 f	..	2.9	2.4	..
1.075,000	Morley (RH)	43	-2	..e	..	..
4.773,000	Munford & White	148	-52	3.6b	2.4	16.8
9.370,000	NMW Computers	218	-15	5.7	2.6	24.3
15.9m	New Ct Nat Res	42	-2	1.7	4.1	16.5
4.583,000	New England Prp	20	-3	..	..	..
27.4m	Nimslo Int	35	-13	..e	..	..
13.0m	Oilfield Inspec	185	-10	3.4	1.9	17.5
14.6m	Owners Abroad	28	-½	0.7	2.5	12.6
7.425,000	PCT Group	168	+3	6.9	4.1	15.5
9.356,000	Page M.	128	-12	2.0	1.6	27.6
2.282,000	Parkfield Fndry	43	..	..e	..	..
12.9m	Pericom	173	-2	2.4	1.4	27.5
6.952,000	Peters M.	123	-6	2.6b	2.1	35.0
9.300,000	Pict Petrol	155	-16	..	..	..
4,253,000	Pineapple Dance	116	..	1.1b	1.0	18.4
21.0m	Polytech Marine	224	-3	2.8n	1.2	63.2
5.883,000	Promotions Hse	26	-1	1.0	3.8	..
2.493,000	Prolimeter	33	-1	1.0	3.0	17.4
2.827,000	Radio City	133	..	8.0b	6.0	17.5
15.6m	Rayford Sup	223	-5	7.0	3.1	11.3
4,207,000	Ramus Hldgs	95	-5	7.1	7.5	10.1
15.9m	Real Time Cont	228	-8	2.9b	1.3	38.6
1.716,000	Reliant Motor	31	-2	..	..	7.3
61.9m	Renishaw	201	-4	1.6b	0.8	62.0
2.887,000	Rivlin JD&S	71	+4	3.0	4.2	..
4.325,000	Rolfe & Nolan	173	..	3.9	2.3	17.9
7,564,000	Ruddle (G.)	160	-3	4.9	3.1	16.3
48.0m	Scusa	120	-5	0.7	0.6	27.3
46.8m	Saxon Oil	275	-15	..	..	..
2,168,000	Scan Data	96	-4	2.9	3.0	7.8
6,985,000	Securiguard	130	-3	2.5b	1.9	24.4
4.390.000	Selec TV	32	+3	..	..	..
4,810,000	Sheldon Jones	93	-5	6.2	6.7	8.5
8.350,000	Sheraton Sec	13½	-¼	..	..	84.4
3.894,000	Sinclair W.	83	+3	6.1	7.3	7.2
7,540,000	Slaters Food	130	-8	..	..	11.4
19.1m	S.W.Resources	71	-3	2.6	3.7	..
14.8m	Sthn Bus Lease	109	-4	2.9b	2.6	8.6
98.6m	Sovereign Oil	274	-23	..	..	..
19.2m	Spring Ram	183	-7	4.3b	2.3	..
5,250,000	Stainless Metal	105	..	3.1	3.0	10.0
448,000	Stanelco	33	-5	..	..	20.9
4.240.000	Strikes Rests	69	..	1.9	2.8	..
2.991,000	Sunleigh Elect	13	-1	..	..	..
1.610,000	Swindon Pr Hosp	115	..	..	..	38.3
21.1m	Synterials	85	-3	..	..	..
4.952,000	Tay Homes	93	..	..	..	..
2.325,000	Technofan SA	£165	..	1773	11.4	11.2
3.000,000	Tech For Bus	100	-5	6.0	6.0	12.9
5.730,000	Tel Serv Int	26	-1½	..e	..	7.6
23.7m	Television Sth	110	..	..	..	43.1
4.532,000	Therm Scientific	113	-2	3.3	2.9	25.7
1.547,000	Thorpac	67	..	2.9	4.3	..
3,700,000	Tops Estates	74	..	..	..	..
985,000	Towngrade Sec	29	..	0.9n	3.0	25.7
1.450,000	Trident Comp	59	-2	2.1	3.7	24.6
39.9m	Tunstall T'com	235	-1	1.6b	0.7	35.3
7.678,000	Tyne Tees'A'NV	160	+5	..	..	..
1.090,000	Utd Ceramic	45	-3	5.0	11.1	16.9
39.8m	Utd Friendly	263	-2	15.4	5.8	..
2.860,000	Utd Packaging	90	..	4.2b	4.7	6.1
20.8m	V.W.Thermax	170	+4	7.5b	4.4	33.3
6.678,000	Webber Electro	290	-10	5.0b	1.7	21.5
10.5m	Wight Collins R S	328	+10	3.8	1.2	24.9
1.334,000	Willaire Syst	9	..	..	..	..
14.4m	Wingate Prop	110	..	0.7	0.6	32.4
10.1m	Woodchester Inv	130	-5	5.6b	3.1	19.4
4.441,000	Yelverton Inv	56	-5	..	..	90.3
5.600,000	Yorkgreen Inv	32	-3	2.0b	6.3	12.1
650,000	York Mount	68	+4	7.1	10.5	7.2
4.625,000	Zygal Dynamics	125	-3	1.1n	0.9	19.5

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WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES: FOUR SIXES, BUT JUDGES FAIL TO SPOT THEIR MOMENTARY SLIP-UP

Marred perfection for Torvill and Dean

From John Hennessy, Sarajevo



What a crashing disappointment! Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean achieved only four sixes in the original set pattern (OSP) dance at the Olympic Games here yesterday and won by only nine judges to none. It was 7-2 in the European Championships in Budapest last month. But the cross they bear is that they have set such punishing standards for themselves that when an error obtrudes, as it did yesterday, we are inclined to foresee the end of the world. It occurred during the third sequence, at the point where Torvill does a "death drop", supported only by her partner's hand at the back of the neck. From that position, almost horizontal on the ice, Dean twists her through 360 degrees, a breathtakingly difficult exercise.

The first two sequences went well, as we all, in our demanding way, have come to expect almost as a matter of right, but the move did not quite come off the third time and Miss Torvill dropped a hand on the ice. Just as the move is strategically placed the more to impress the judges, so any mistake is that much less likely to escape detection.

Obviously the Hungarian judge, seated at the end of the line in No. 1 position, missed the fleeting moment of indiscretion. He gave the British couple not only a full mark of six for composition but another for presentation. The other maximum marks came from the Italian and Canadian judges for presentation, from which he must assume that they, too, were in the dark, sitting seven and eight. That is the measure of the mistake, but for people who demand perfection of themselves it must have hurt, though Torvill tended to make light of it afterwards. All their other marks were 5.9.

In other ways the performance fell a little flat, for the audience of some 4,000 was much less responsive than one might have expected. "There was not such a warm atmosphere as in Budapest, or even the British Championship last November," Torvill said. "The afternoon is the wrong time for the OSP."

Does all this suggest a let down? Only if you have grown to believe, subconsciously, that the world champions are incapable of error, two programmed automatons spared human falibility. In fact, they were streets ahead of their competitors, nearly all stomping to a 4-4 beat with roses in their hair, if not their teeth, while the British couple presented a matador-and-cape programme in 6-8 drawn from Rimsky-Korsakov's Capriccio Espagnolm.

That there was a fund of good will for Torvill and Dean was clear from the applause the moment they took the ice, last of all in the warm-up, and later when their names were announced as next to skate. But the crowd remained strangely unmoved as the British couple played out their respective roles and one suspects that they began to get nervous, mistaking silence for indifference. It may be that Dean strove that little bit too hard to create an impact, or that Torvill was a little off-balance during that third sequence twist.

Natalya Bestemianova and Andrei Bukin of the Soviet Union, retained second place overall, which means that they could still take the title by winning tomorrow the free dance. Both couples would have accumulated three points (assuming no others intrude) and the free dance breaks any tie.

Judy Blumberg and Michael Seibert, of the United States, remained third, and the second British couple, Karen Barber and Nicky Slater of Richmond, fifth, although they were beaten by the second American couple yesterday. Wendy Sessions and Stephen Williams of Solihul moved up one place to eleventh.

Torvill and Dean have been drawn to skate last tomorrow night, the ideal place for a tactical thrust.

Yesterday's competition was marred by a disgraceful scrimmage at the side of the ring when Torvill and Dean were stupidly induced to sit among the British contingent with Princess Anne, president of the British Olympic Association, as soon as they came off the ice. It was a chance too good to miss and a horde of photographers climed over each other to get a piece of the action.

Dean apologised to Seibert, who was skating with Miss Blumberg at the time, but both Americans were generous enough to declare that they were concentrating too much on their skating to notice that Twickenham had taken over the Zetra stadium.



Do not adjust your sets: Torvill and Dean's solitary imperfection.

'The Flea' jumps to the top of the world

Jens Weissflog, of East Germany, confirmed his position as the world's top ski jumper when he snatched the 70-metre gold medal yesterday. Called "The Flea" because of his tiny stature, he trailed after the first round but recovered to beat his great rival, Matti Nykaenen, of Finland, into second place in a wind-affected contest.

● Tomas Gustafson, of Sweden, beat by only 0.02 seconds Igor Malkov, of the Soviet Union, to win the men's 5,000 metres speed skating gold medal yesterday. The 24-year-old Swedish student from Eskilstuna had too much power over the last three laps in an otherwise unexciting contest on slow ice that left no chance of record performances.

● United States, the Olympic ice hockey champions, lost any hope of a medsal when they drew 3-3 with lowly Norway in a preliminary Group B match on Saturday. Their rivals, Czechoslovakia and Canada, maintained unbeaten records after three games to look odds-on favourites for the medal-deciding round.

● East Germany made a clean sweep of the medals in the women's luge yesterday with the world champion Steffi Martin taking gold. Miss Martin finished 0.3 seconds ahead of her arch-rival, the former shot-putter Bettina Schmidt, who took the silver. Ute Weiss, an Army sergeant, gained the bronze. The defending champion, Vera Zozulya, of the Soviet Union finished fourth.

● Paul Hildgartner, a policeman from Italy, crowned an exceptional career yesterday by winning the gold medal in the men's single luge, the only title which had escaped him in more than a daccade at the top of the sport. Sergei Danilin and Valery Dudin of the Soviet Union, took silver and bronze.

● Marja-Liisa Haemaelainen, of Finland, became the first double champion of the games yesterday after a concincing win over Raisa Smetanina, of the Soviet Union, in the five-kilometre cross-country ski race.

Weather wins the downhill

Sarajevo (Agencies) – Unrelenting bad weather forced officials to revamp the Olympic alpine programme yesterday, after the men's downhill had to be postponed for the third time.

Gale-force winds, low cloud and heavy snowfalls kept the men off Mount Bjelasnica for the fourth day in a row, and similar weather at Mount Jahorina meant a fifth consecutive day without competition for the women.

With only seven days to decide six gold medals, officials have agreed to stage the giant slalom races before the downhills in a bid to outwit the weather.

The new programme schedules the women's giant slalom for today, the men's giant slalom for tomorrow, the women's downhill for Wednesday, the men's downhill for Thursday, the women's slalom for Friday and the men's slalom for Sunday.

The two legs of the giant slaloms will be held on the same day instead of being spread over two days

No lament from the losers on a good day for Britain

From David Miller, Sarajevo

That dimissive cliché of the past about many of Britain's Olympic contestants, the throw-away line at the end of news bulletins on the medal-winners – "and Charlie Brown of Britain was a brave twenty-ninth" – is no longer a good loser's lament. There are in effect two Olympics going on here and both of them matter.

As Princess Anne met the British team and officials at a reception on Saturday night chatting knowledgably and with charm to almost everyone present, without a pause in over two hours – she must have discerned the mood of unostentatious pride. It had been, by British standards, an exceptional day. Neil Macfarlane, the Minister of Sport, and Dick Jeeps, Chairman of the Sport Council, who were both present, should regard it as cause for increasing their modest bank loan. As it was, Mr Macfarlane was smiling profusely, perhaps at the thought of the half million pounds he has gained for the Exchequor on taxing the British Olympic appeal fund.

The celebration was that Malcolm Lloyd, an unemployed Welshman, and Peter Brugnani, a former London Transport clerk, and decathlete, came tenth in the two-man bobsleigh, while Jim Wood, a soldier, came fourteenth in the biathlon 10 kilometres.

There are two factors regarding these performances which should be stressed. In the first place, they are outstandingly good in the world context; and the contribution of Messrs Macfarlane and Jeeps amounts to no more than a small percentage, the occasional burst of touchline cheering, as it were. By comparison, the few competitors by whom the British were beaten, not to say the many they defeated, were in most instances as dependent for their position on government as most householders are upon building societies.

The conclusion to be made is that, as many sports administrators have long believed, if the British government in their retarded wisdom are to make a greater contribution to sport through the Sports Council, it should be directed at the base of the many pyramids rather than at the potential medal-winners. As Mr Macfarlane, a true Thatcherite, would be pleased to acknowledge, there is no incentive stronger than an ambition fuelled by self-motivation. Yet almost all British competitors here have had to contribute more towards their achievement than is right and fair.

For Lloyd, the most experienced of Britain's non-Alpine bobbers, and Brugnani, to take advantage of a loaned Canadian sled to beat both Austran pairs – a nation which has its own bobrun – as well as both Americans was a fillip for Swiss coach Gion Caviezel, who had been expecting the best performance from the four-man teams at the end of the week.

The significant international development of the week has been the comparative failure of the new Soviet "hammer-head" sled – restricted to a bronze medla instead of the predicted dominance – and the promise by the bobsleigh federation president, Klaus Kotter, of West Germany, that a standard sled will be demanded in time for the next Games in Calgary, variable only in aerodynamic design, not in runners and suspension.

Wolfgang Hoppe and Detmer Schauerhammer of East Germany, broke the Grebevic course record to take the gold with a 3min 25.56sec aggregate over four runs, recording 51.06sec on both third and fourth runs on Saturday. Bernhard Lehmann and the Polish-born Bogdan Musioc, were preferred to the 1980 silver medallists Germeshausen and Gerhardt, but took silver, slower by only a 0.48sec aggregate, with the frustrated Russians third. Switzerland, having built and then abandoned last week copies of the "hammerhead" were fifth and sixth in their conventional sleds.

Tom De La Hunty, steering with Peter Lund, had a lucky escape when losing runner control, tipping onto one side and striking his head on the ice wall at 60mph. Somehow he came out of the next bend upright again with nothing worse than a severe headache.

Jim Wood, who is as hard as a ploughshare, and at 31 is probably in his last year of domestic sabbatical while searching for private fulfilment, was near to tears at the finish of the biathlon. Had he not caught his rifle sling awkwardly on the last shot, causing a misfire, he would have been a minute faster, and 11th instead of fourteenth out of 63 in the 20km event won by Peter Angerer, of West Germany, in 1hr 11min 52.7sec.

"If I had skied as well as I can" Wood said "I might even have got in the first six or seven". His personal medal is he finished in front of all three Russians: the science-tested end product from a state biathlon school of 250,000 competitors. The Brits, obliged to make do on initiative, were fortunte to have had a small training track for roller skiing contributed by Tarmac through a friend of manager Paul Tolfree.

FOOTNOTE: Because of an unfortunate misprint I suggested on Saturday that Mary Glen Haig would be retiring from the IOC "in a few days" at the age of 72. A lady's age may be secret, but may I hasten to say that Mrs Haig is several years away from that moment.

Today's events

Mens figure skating: Compulsory figures.
Cross-country skiing: Men's 15km.
Speed skating: Women's 1,000m.
Skiing: Women's giant slalom (first runs).
Ice hockey: Sweden v Poland, Canada v Norway, Yugoslavia v Italy, West Germany v USSR, United States v Austria, Finland v Czechoslovakia.
BBC1-TV: 1-1.45pm (giant slalom); 6.40-7.20pm (giant slalom, ice hockey).

WEEKEND RESULTS FROM SARAJEVO

BIATHLON

20KM: 1, P Angerer (W G), 1hr 11min 52.7sec; 2, F P Roetsch (E G), 1:13:21.4; 3, E Kvalfosa (Nor), 1:14:02.4; 4, Y Mougel (Fr), 1:14:53.1; 5, F Ullrich (E G), 1:14:53.7; 6, R Storsveen (Nor), 1:15:23.9; 7, F Fischer (W G), 1:15:49.7; 8, L Andersson (Swe), 1:16:19.3; 9, A Zingerle (It), 1:16:21.7; 10 J Matous (Cz), 1:16:39.0; British placings: 14, J Wood, 1:18:55.8; 37, C Macivor, 1:23:37.5; 44, A McLeod, 1:25:34.5.

LUGE

MEN'SINGLES: Third run; 1, P Hildgartner (It), 45 871 sec; 2, S Danilin (USSR), 46.176; 3, V Dudin (USSR), 46.201, 4, N Huber (It), 46.265; 5, Y Kharchenko (USSR), 46.337; 6, M Prock (Aus), 46.345: 7, M Walter (E G), 46.358; 8, E Haspinger (It), 46.438; 9, G Sandbichler (Aus), 46.542; 10, T Gurlitzer (E G), 46.571. British placings: 27, M Howard, 48.343; 29, A Usborne, 49.447; 30, C Prentice, 50.380. Fourth run: 1, Hildgartner, 45.934; 2, Danilin, 46.069; 3, Dudin, 46.092; 4, Huber, 46.127; 5, Haspinger, 46.170; 6, Walter, 46.172; 7, Gurlitzer, 46.176; 8, Fluckinger (Aus), 46.418; 9, Kharchenko, 46.432; 10, Prock, 46.465. British Placings: 27, Howard, 48.316; 28, Usborne, 48.438; 29, Prentice, 49.283 Final placings: 1, Hildgartner, 3.04 min 258 sec; 2, Danilin, 3:04.962; 3, Dudin, 3:05.012; 4, Walter, 3:05 031; 5, Gurlitzer, 3:05.129; 6, Haspinger, 3:05.327; 7, Kharchenko, 3:05.548; 8, Prock, 3:05.839; 9, Huber, 3:05.909; 10, Sandbicher, 3:06.453. British placings: 26, Howard, 3:17.163; 27, Uborne, 3:17.639; 29, Prentice, 3:19.774.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Third run: 1, S Martin (EG), 41.496; 2, B Schmidt (EG), 41.696; 3, U Weiss (EG), 41.793; 4, M Auer (It), 41.910; 5, V Sosulya (USSR), 42.077; 6, A Hatel (WG), 42.102; 7, N Licitsa (USSR), 42.186; 8, V Oberhuber (It), 42.192; 9, A Goellner (Aus), 42.219; 10, C Zeitz (WG), 42.300. British placing: C Sherred, 45.324. Fourth run: 1, Martin, 41.572; 2, Weiss, 41.602; 3, Schmidt, 41.646; 4, I Amantova (USSR), 41.803; 5, Hatel, 41.920; 6, M L Rainer (It), 41.928; 7, Licitsa, 41.998; 8, Oberhuber, 42.037; 9, Auer, 42.070; 10, Gollner, 42.074. Sherred (GB) did not finish. Final placings: 1, Martin, 2:46.570; 2, Schmidt, 2:46.873; 3, Weiss, 2:47.248; 4, I Amantova (USSR), 2:48.480; 5, Sosulya, 2:48.641; 6, Rainer (It), 2:49.138; 7, Goellner, 2:49 373; 8, Hatel, 2:49.491; 9, Zeitz, 2:49.836; 10, Licitsa, 2:50.087. Disqualified: C Sherred (GB).

NORDIC COMBINED

70 METRE JUMP: 1, T Sandberg (Nor), 214.7 pts; 2, S Tchervlakov (USSR), 210.3; 3, T Mueller (WG), 209.1; 4, G Schnieder (EG), 208.4; 5, J Ylipulli (Fin), 205.5; 6, R Miettinen (Fin), 205.5; 7, K Sulzenbacher (Aus), 204.0; 8, G Andersen (Nor), 203.8; 9, A Mayorov (USSR), 202.7; 10, H Weinbuch (WG), 201.8.

15km CROSS-COUNTRY: 1, J Karjalainen (Fin), 46:32; 2, Sandberg, 47:52.7; 3, K J Lynch (US), 48:02.9; 4, W Hurschler (Swi), 48:12.4; 5, Ylipulli, 48:28.5; 6, A Prosvirnin (USSU), 48:40.1; 7, U Dotzauer (EG), 48:56.8; 8, H Bogseth (NOR), 48:58.0; 9, Miettinen, 49:02.2; 10, Weinbuch, 49:13.4.

OVERALL RESULTS: 1, Sandberg, 422.595pts; 2, Karjalainen, 416.900; 3, Ylipulli, 410.825; 4, Miettinen, 402.970; 5, T Muller (WG), 401.995; 6, Prosvirnin, 400.185; 7, Dotzauer, 397.780; 8, Weinbuch, 397,390; 9, K Sulzenbacher (Aus), 394.570; 10, G Andersen (Nor), 393.155.

BOBSLEIGH

TWO-MAN (after fourth and final run): 1, E Germany II (W Hoppe/D Schauerhammer), 3:25.56; 2, E Germany I (B Lehmann/B Musioc), 3:26.04; 3, USSR II (Z Ekmanis/V Alexandrov), 3:26.16; 4, USSR 1, 3:26.42; 5, Switzerland I, 3:26.76; 6, Switzerland II, 3:28.23; 7, Italy I, 3:29.09; 8, W Germany 1, 3:29.18; 9, Italy II, 3:30.02; 10, Britain II, 3:30.36; 21, Britain I, 3:33.13.

ICE HOCKEY

GROUP A: USSR 9, Yugoslavia 1; Italy 6, Poland 1; Sweden 1, W Germany 1.
GROUP B: Czechoslovakia 13, Austria 0; US 3, Norway 3; Canada 4, Finland 2.

NORDIC SKIING

WOMEN'S 5-KM CROSS-COUNTRY: 1, M-L Haemaelainen (Fin), 17:4.0; 2, B Aunli (Nor), 17:14.1; 3, K Jeriova (Cz), 17:18.3; 4, M Risby (Swe), 17:26.3; 5, I Nybraaten (Nor), 17:28.2; 6, B Pettersen (Nor), 17:33.6; 7, A Jahren (Nor), 17:38.3; 8, U Noack (EG), 17:46.0; 9, E Kratzer (Swe), 17:47.5; 10, P Maatta (Fin), 17:48.0. British placings: 44, R Coates, 20:15.7; 46, D Trueman, 21:05.6; 47, N Lavery, 21:08.5; 50, C Brittan, 21:44.3.

SPEED SKATING

5,000 METRES: 1, T Gustafson (Swe), 7:12.28; 2, I Malkov (USSR), 7:12.30; 3, R Schoefisch (EG), 7:17.49; 4, A Ehrig (EG), 7:17.63; 5, O Bogiev (USSR), 7:17.96; 6, P Nittyla (Fin), 7:17.97; 7, B Nyland (Nor), 7:18.27; 8, W Jaeger (Aus), 7:18.61; 9, H Van Der Duim (Neth), 7:19.39; 10, G Karlstad (Nor), 7:20.24. British placing: 41, B Carbis, 8:01.44.

SKI JUMPING

70 METRES: 1, J Weissflog (EG) 215.2 pts (90.0m + 87.0m); 2, M Nykaenen (Fin) 214.0 (91.0 + 84.0); 3, J Puikkonen (Fin) 212.8 (81.5 + 91.5); 4, S Stannarius (EG) 211.1 (84.0 + 89.5); 5, R A Berg (Nor) 208.5 (86.0 + 86.5); 6, A Felder (Aus) 205.6 (84.0 + 87.0); 7, P Fijas (Pol) 204 5 (87.0 + 88.0); 8, U Opaas (Nor) 203.8 (86.0 + 87.0); 9, J Hastings (US) 203.5 (84.0 + 86.0); 10, J Parma (Cz) 202.7 (81.0 + 88.5).

ICE DANCE

POSITIONS AFTER ORIGINAL SET PATTERN DANCES: 1, J Torvill/C Dean (GB), 1.0; 2, N Bestemianova/A Bukin (USSR), 2.0; 3, J Blumberg/M Seibert (US), 3.0; 4, M Klimova/S Ponomarenko (USSR), 4.0; 5, K Barber/N Slater (GB), 5.4; 6, C Fox/R Dalley (US), 5.6; 7, T Wilson/R McCall (Can), 7.4; 8, O Volojinskaya/A Svinin (USSR) 7.8; 9, P Born/R Schonborn (W G), 9.0; 10, E Spitz/G Scott (US), 10.0.
British placing: 11, W Sessions/S Williams, 11.6.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Bramley saved by Kilner's late goal

By Keith Macklin

No giants were slain in the first round of the Challenge Cup, but Bramley came closest to an upset and live to fight again in a replay at Wigan on Wednesday. Bramley, the second division club which almost folded before Christmas, produced a storybook finish to draw 10-10. A try by West had given Wigan a 10-9 lead, but in the closing minutes Kilner dropped a goal from 30 yards to tie the scores and send the home supporters into raptures.

Further suprises occured at Bradford, where the Cup holders, Featherstone Rovers, went down 20-4 and at Barrow, where the second division's runaway leaders were beaten 14-12 by their Cumbrian rivals Workington Town. The visitors tackled magnificently and scored tries through Burns, Hartley and Roper, with a goal by Hopkins. For Barrow, McConnell and Ball touched down, Ball kicked a goal and dropped goals came from Tickle and Cairns.

Blackpool Borough gave Hull Kingston Rovers a brief fright as they led 10-8 at one stage. However, the great pace of Rovers and the brilliant ball distribution skills of the international loose forward Hall eventually cracked the brave second division fighters. Laws (two), Prohm, Hogan, Clark and Broadhurst scored tries for Rovers, Fairbairn landing a goal and a dropped goal. For Blackpool, Waddell scored a splendid dribbling try, and Turley kicked three goals in a 27-10 victory for Rovers.

Cardiff City took an early lead with a penalty goal but eventually Hull's power and pace told and they won comfortably 34-6.

Fulham had a scare at Whitehaven. They were down 10-9 to the team who have yet to win a game this season, but pulled themselves together to win 17-10.

Kent Invicta enthused their supporters by pulling back from 14-0 to 14-14 against Castleford, but again, first division pace and skill told, and Castleford ran out 42-20 winners, Beardmore kicking nine goals. Widnes, who are among the Cup favourites, had an easy 50 points romp against Dewsbury, and Leeds continued their unstoppable run by beating Salford 24-16 after a good fight by the relegation-bound Salford side.

Casey, the Hull KR forward, left the field injured at Blackpool and may miss Friday' Great Britain v France international.

Yesterday Challenge Cup. First round: Barrow 12, Workington Town 14; Blackpool Borough 10, Hull Kingston Rovers 27; Bradford Northern 20, Featherstone Rovers 4; Bramley 10, Wigan 10; Cardiff City 6, Hull 34; Doncaster 11, Batley 8; Halifax 7, Wakefield Trinity 19; Hunslet 21, Keighley 10; Oldham 28, Huyton 10; Rochdale 8, York 17; St Helens 16, Leigh 10; Salford 16, Leeds 24; Warrington 34, Huddersfield 16, Whitehaven 10, Fulham 17; Widnes 54, Dewsbury 10.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hull KR	19	14	1	4	458	244	29
Widnes	18	14	0	4	383	206	28
Hull	19	13	1	5	467	275	27
Bradford N:	18	13	1	4	345	195	27
Castleford	20	12	2	6	482	289	26
Warrington	19	12	2	5	374	269	26
Leeds	18	11	1	6	387	312	23
St Helens	19	10	0	9	377	311	20
Oldham	18	8	2	8	291	284	18
Feathrstn R	20	8	1	11	318	395	17
Leigh	18	8	0	10	370	333	16
Wigan	17	8	0	9	265	268	16
Wakefield	22	7	0	15	350	452	14
Fulham	21	6	1	14	250	489	13
Salford	20	3	0	17	218	489	6
Whitehaven	20	0	0	20	163	727	0

BOWLS

Smith's [illegible] falters at the final moment

By Gordon Allan

Nigel Smith, the 19-year-old [illegible] had beaten the Commonwealth champion Willie Wood and another rather well known player [illegible] David Bryant, lost the final of the world indoor championship [illegible] Coatbridge yesterday.

Jim Baker of Ireland beat the young Englishman 21-18 in a match lasting 25 ardous ends and [illegible] hours. A pity, from the [illegible] point of view.

Baker, 25, and runner-up [illegible] years ago, earned £5,000 with [illegible] victory. Both players maintained almost perfect lenght, and in the final analysis it came down to which of them played the best bowls in a little series of crises during the last quarter.

Baker led for the first time, 10-[illegible] after 14 ends. For a while this [illegible] shuttled to and fro. At the 20th end Baker turned a possible three [illegible] down into three up with a drive, probably a turning point as he [illegible] later. At the 24th, Smith [illegible] himself with his last wood [illegible] Baker held a seemingly impregnable single for the title. At the last end Baker planted his first bowl [illegible] the jack, and this time Smith could not move it.

On Saturday, Smith beat Bryant 21-15. From the arid valley of [illegible] down, Smith toiled to the summit by a path trodden so often by Bryant himself.

At 14-9, Smith put four woods round the jack, Bryant fired and missed, and it was 14-13. There were two more counts of four [illegible] Smith on the deciding end when the score was 18-15. Bryant killed the end but in the replay Smith surrounded the jack again as though nothing had happened and Bryant was beaten.

Semi-final round: N Smith (England) 21, Bryant (England) 15. Final: J Baker [illegible] Smith 18.

BOXING

Banjo bout rejected by Quarless

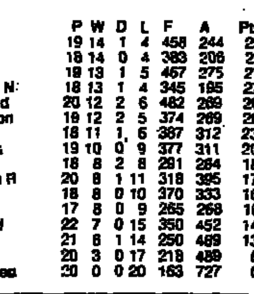
Noel Quarless, the Liverpool heavyweight barred from boxing recently because of a contract dispute, does not want to meet Funso Banjo in a final eliminator for the British title. The British Boxing Board of Control matched Quarless with Banjo hoping that would end the tug-of-war over him between the rival promoters, Frank Warren and Mike Barrett.

Chris Moorcroft, Quarless's trainer, said yesterday: "We have informed Noel's registered manager Nat Basso that he does not wish to take this fight at this stage.

George Feeney, the British lightweight champion, may meet Claude Noel, of Trinidad, for the Commonwealth title in Hartlepool on April 27.

Michael Spinks will lose [illegible] undisputed lightheavyweight title [illegible] he does not meet Eddie Davis [illegible] 12 rounds instread of 15, the World Boxing Council said in Mexico [illegible]

Thomas Hearns scored a unanimous points decision over Luigi Minchillo, of Italy, in Detroit on Saturday to retain his WBC super-welterweight title.



SWIMMING

Double for Miss Croft

From Athole Still, Bonn

June Croft, of Wigan Wasps, normally considered best at the sprint distances, performed rather below par in her two short races at the Arena meeting in Bonn over the weekend, when finishing sixth in the 50 metres and third in the 100 metres. However, she more than redeemed herself with decisive victories over 400 and 800 metres against top class distance specialists.

In the 800 metres on Saturday she was content to stay at the shoulder of Kapya Hartmann for 31 of the 32 laps, before sprinting into the final turn and coming home a body length ahead in 8 minutes 28.25 seconds.

However, her 400 metres swim yesterday was even more impressive. Hartmann was again in contention, ably supported by her compatriot, Birgit Meineke, a world and European champion over 100 and 200 metres. Meineke set a fast pace to lead narrowly at half way (2 min 05 secs). Croft stepped up the pace with 62 seconds third hundred, which exposed Meineke's stamina limitations and then she fluently administered the *coupe de grace* to Hartmann with an inspired 61-second final hundred. The time of [illegible] mins 08.74 seconds was only .27 of a second outside Miss Croft's own British record.

SATURDAY: MEN: 100m backstroke: 1, [illegible] Wallenius (Can), 56.47 sec. 100m butterfly: [illegible] Roger von Jouanne (US), 54.79. 200m breaststroke: 1, A Baumann (Can), 4[illegible] 400m freestyle: 1, S Pfeiffer (WG), 3:[illegible] 400m medley: 1, A Baumann (Can), 4:12.17 WOMEN: 100 metres freestyle: 1, B [illegible] (EG), 55.64; 3, J Croft (GB), 56.1[illegible] breaststroke: 1, C Baird (Can), 1 min [illegible] 200m backstroke: 1, B Weigang (EG) 2:1[illegible] 6, C White (GB), 2:17.26. 200m butterfly: [illegible] Alex (EG), 2:09.28; 3, F Ross (GB), 2:1[illegible] 800m freestyle: 1, J Croft (GB), 8:28.25

YESTERDAY: MEN: 50m butterfly: 1, [illegible] Maksimovitch (USSR) 25.21. 50m backstroke: 1, R Wallenious (Can) 26.73. 50m freestyle: [illegible] F Canales (P Rico) 22.57. 50m breaststroke: [illegible] Jackson (US) 28.68. 100m freestyle: [illegible] Canales (P Rico) 47.77; 6, D Lowe (GB) [illegible] 100m breaststroke: 1, L Caroneri (It) 1:[illegible] 200m butterfly: 1, V Cerny (Can) 1:58.27. 200m backstroke: 1, S Vladar (Hun) 1:58.7[illegible] Boyd (GB) 2:05.75. 200m medley: 1, U Da[illegible] (EG) 7.50.45. 4x50m medley relay: 1, [illegible] Germany 1:42.54.
WOMEN: 50m freestyle: 1, J Johnson (US) 25.84; 6, J Croft (GB) 26.57. 50m breaststroke: 1, S Gerasch (EG) 32.20. 50m butterfly: [illegible] Johnson (US) 27.50; 4, A Osberby (GB) 2[illegible] 50m backstroke: 1, B Weigang (EG) 28.[illegible] White (GB) 30.85. 200m breaststroke: 1, [illegible] Gerasch 2:29.46; 4, G Stanley (GB) 2:[illegible] 400m freestyle: 1, J Croft (GB) 4:08.74 400m medley: 1, S Schacke (EG) 4:47.61. [illegible] Stanley (GB) 4:48.16.

TENNIS

Bates in team to play Italy in Davis Cup

By Lewine Mair

Paul Hutchins, the LTA's national team manager, yesterday named Jeremy Bates as the fourth player for the Davis Cup side to meet the Italians at Telford from 24-26 February. "Bates is the obvious choice", Hutchins said.

Hutchins, who does not rule out the possibility of giving Bates a live game, delayed selecting his fourth man in order to take into account results from the first two weeks of the LTA's five-week satellite circuit.

At Bramhall, in the opening event, the 21-year-old King's Cup player reached the final, losing in three sets to Peter Lundgren, of Sweden. Two days ago at Telford, he went one better, defeating Lundgren's fellow Swede, Per Hjertquist 6-4, 6-2 to pocket the winner's cheque of £543, and be the leading points scorer over the fortnight.

Bates' play on Saturday was perhaps not as positive as it has been in his return match with Lundgren the day before, but he was nonetheless pleased with the way he reacted in moments of stress.

Hutchins said that he felt Bates's performance on this British circuit was "no big deal". The national team manager made it clear that Bates should have been collecting results like this a year ago.

Bates will play in this week's satellite event at Peterborough before joining the Davis Cup squad at Telford on Sunday.

FINAL: J Bates bt P Hjertquist (Swe) 6-4, 6-2.
DOUBLES FINAL: Hjertquist and S Svensson (Swe) bt M Guntrip (GB) and G Hayes (US) 7-6, 6-4.

FOR THE RECORD

TABLE TENNIS

DUISBURG: West German Open tournament: Men's singles, quarter-finals: W Lieck (WG) bt U Bengtsson (Swe), 15-21, 21-16, 18-21; 21-18, 21-19; J-O Waldner (Swe) bt P Birocheau (Fr), 21-11, 20-22, 21-14, 18-21, 21-18; A Grubba (Pol) bt U Carlsson (Swe), 21-17, 21-14, 21-12; D Douglas (GB) bt Z Kriston (Hun), 21-18, 21-13, 17-21, 21-19. Semi-finals: Widner bt Lieck, 21-17, 21-13, 21-13; Grubba bt Douglas, 21-19, 21-17, 21-14. Women's singles, quarter-finals: Z Olah (Hun) bt M Hrachova (USSR), 14-21, 21-10, 21-10, 8-21, 21-17; F Bulatova (USSR) bt S Wenzel (WG), 21-14, 16-21, 21-16, 21-17; N Antonjan (USSR) bt G Szabo (Hun), 21-10, 21-10, 22-20; M Cloppenburg (Neth) bt G Perkucin (Yug), 14-21, 21-19, 28-26, 21-18. Semi-finals: Olah bt Bulatova, 15-21, 21-17, 21-16, 15-21, 21-18; Antonjan bt Cloppenberg, 23-21, 21-8, 21-18.

GOLF

JOHANNESBURG: South African Open tournament (South African unless stated): 274: A Johnstone (Zim), 67, 65, 72, 70. 277: F Allem, 69, 70, 70, 68. 280: N Price, 69, 69, 70, 72, G Levenson, 68, 71, 71, 70. 282: J Bland, 72, 68, 71, 71, A Henning, 70, 71, 69, 72; 284: M McNulty, 76, 65, 71, 72. 285: C Moody (GB), 74, 70, 71, 70, I Mosey (GB), 71, 68, 75, 71, P Way (GB), 71, 68, 72, 74, S Hobday, 72, 68, 71, 74. Other British scorers: 286: M McLean, 72, 68, 73, 73. 288: A Oldcorn, 73, 72, 73, 70. G Brand, Jnr, 75, 72, 67, 74. 290: P Harrison, 72, 71, 71, 76. 294: W Humphreys, 76, 73, 70, 75. 295: D Blakeman, 72, 77, 74, 72. 296: N Godin, 72, 70, 77, 77. 298: S Bennett, 78, 71, 73, 76. 299: R Rafferty, 79, 66, 79, 75.

BANGKOK: Women's tournament, second round: 144: H Hartley (US), 73, 71. 146: Tsai Li-Hsiang (Taiwan), 76, 70. 147: Huang Yueh Chyn (Taiwan), 75, 72; C Langford (GB), 75, 72. 148: S Austin (US), 73, 75. 149: D Dowling (GB), 73, 76. Other British placing: 153: B Huke.

MELBOURNE: Victorian Open tournament (Australian unless stated): 281: G Norman, 70, 71, 68, 72. 283: B Shearer, 68, 71, 75, 69. 286: J Lister (NZ), 71, 72, 73, 70. 287: V Somers, 76, 72, 69, 70. 288: T Gale, 70, 70, 73, 75. 290: I Stanley, 75, 67, 71, 77. 291: R Shaw, 71, 74, 71, 75. 294: C Stadler (US), 72, 71, 77, 74; O Moore, 70, 73, 74, 77; P Senior, 72, 73, 75, 74; J Crow (US), 69, 75, 75, 75.

HONOLULU: Hawaiian Open tournament, third round (US unless stated): 201: W Levi, 70, 66, 65. 204: C Peete, 65, 69, 70; G Morgan, 66, 70, 68; J Renner, 70, 66, 68; M Sullivan, 68, 70, 66. 206: J Nelford (Can), 69, 69, 68; R Caldwell, 65, 71, 70; D Edwards, 70, 68, 68; F Couples, 67, 68, 71. 207: I Aoki (Jap), 67, 70, 70; B Langer (WG), 69, 66, 72; J Simons, 73, 64, 70; W Britton, 68, 70, 69; W Kratzert, 72, 69, 66; M Lye, 72, 67, 68; M O'Grady, 70, 70, 67. British score: 209: 75, 67, 67.

RIFLE SHOOTING

LONDON: Smallbore women's match: 1, Civil Service, 1949 points (J Walter, 198); 2, WRAF, 1920 (M Haughey, 198); 3, WRAC, 1913 (M Humphreys, 195).

VOLLEYBALL

SCOTTISH CUP, men's quarter-finals: Bellshill Cardinals II 2, Airdrie 3; Dundee Kirkton 3, Falkirk II 0. Women's quarter-finals: Kyle 3, Inverclyde 2. Men's first division: Airdrie 3, Dundee Kirkton 2; Falkirk 3, DV '81 2; Team TAK 3, Paisley 2; Whitburn 0, Murray International Metals 3. Postponed: Bellshill Cardinals v Volvo Trucks. Women's first division: Kyle 3, Inverclyde 0; Sports Conscious DCPE 3, West Coast 1; Telford Tigers 3, Auchenloshan 2; Telford 3, Carluke 0. Postponed: Larbert HSFP v Whitburn.

BADMINTON

NIEUWEGEIN: Dutch Open Championships: Men's Singles: P Nierhoff (Den) bt S Butler (GB), 15-2, 15-9; M Kjeldsen (Den) bt K Jolly (GB), 15-12, 15-12; S Fladberg (Den) bt S Wijatno (Indo), 15-11, 15-9; I Frederiksen bt G Hamilton (GB), 15-0, 15-5. Women's singles: K Larsen (Den) bt E Coenen (Neth), 11-6, 11-7; K Beckman (GB) bt F Elliott (GB) 12-10, 5-11, 11-1; S Podger (GB) bt J Webster (GB), 11-3, 11-4; D Lymge (Den) bt H Troke (GB) 11-1, 11-2.

CYCLING

MILAN (Six-day race): 1, D Clark (Aus) and P Bincoletto (It), 28 points. One lap behind: 2, U Freuler (Switz) and G Saronni (It), 37; 3, D Thurau (WG) an G Bontempi (It), 26; 4, F Moser (It) and R Pijnen (Neth), 8, 5, D Gisiger (Switz) and M Bidinost (It), 8; 6 J Raas and L Van Vliet (Neth), 4; 7, R Hermann (Lux) and H Schutz (WG), 4; 8, A Doyle and G Wiggins (Aus), 3.

GYMNASTICS

HARROW: London open championships: Westminster Shield (Senior): 1, S Dransfield (York) 50.30; 2, M Wilson (Matlock) 49.65; 3, S Bush (Bath) 49.40. Westminster Cup: B Martin (Hendon) 43.40. Loveday Shield (junior): 1, S Thomas (Birmingham) 47.25; 2, G Hart (Harlow) 47.15; 3, S McMahon (Glasgow 46.95. Clayton-Bolt Cup (youth): 1, P Allsopp (Bromley) 51.95; 2, C Rainbird (Huddersfield 50.70; 3, A Richardson (Hinckley) 45.50.

CRICKET

SHELL SHIELD (In Georgetown): Guyana 309 for 4 (C Lambert 123, A Lyght 95) v Leeward Islands. (In Kingston): Windward Islands 237 for 4 (L Sebastien 107, L John 59) v Trinidad and Tobago. (In Bridgetown): Barbados 246 for 7 (T Hunte 70) v Jamaica.
BOMBAY: Women's international match: India 340 and 21 for no wkt; Australian 358 for 8 dec (J Kennare 99).

MOTOR RALLYING

KARLSTAD: Swedish Rally: Final positions: 1, S Blomqvist/B Cederberg (Sweden), Audi Quattro, 4hr 16min 45sec; 2, M Mouton/F Pons (Fr/It), Audi Quattro, at 7:27; 3, P Eklund/D Wittock (Swe/GB), Audi Quattro, at 16:42; 4, M Jonsson/A Gustavsson (Swe), Opel Asconda, at 18:40; 5, L Torph/J Sandstrom (Swe), Opel Asconda, at 20:01; 6, B Johansson/A Olsson (Swe), Opel Asconda, at 20:25. British placings: 19, A Wood (Talbot), 5:02.59; 21, A Jackson (Opel Manta), 5:14.11; 23, L Aitken (Ford Escort), 5:26.27; 24, D Senior (Toyota), 5:34.43; 28, N Rose (Ford Escort), 5:44.38; 30, C Dussert (Talbot), 5:50.35; 36, G Donaldson (Leyland), 6:02.37.
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS: 1, S Blomqvist (Sweden), 35pts; 2, W Rohrl (WG), 20; 3, M Mouton (Fr), 15; 4, H Mikkola (Fin), 12, P Eklund (Swe), 12; 6, J-L Therier (Fr), 10, M Jonsson (Swe), 10.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Islanders 6, Vancouver Canucks 4; Pittsburgh Penguins 3, New Jersey Devils 2, Boston Bruins 4, Edmonton Oilers 1; Calgary Flames 6, Hartford Whalers 3, Washington Capitals 6, Philadelphia Flyers 3; Buffalo Sabres 4, Montreal Canadiens 3. Toronto Maple Leafs 5, Quebec Nordiques 2; Detroit Red Wings 6, Minnesota North Stars 4, St Louis Blues 1, Chicago Black Hawks 1; Los Angeles Kings 6, New York Rangers 6

SNOOKER

BATLEY: Yamaha Masters: (GB unless stated): Group 10, J White bt F Jonik (Can) 2-0; Jonik bt G Rigitano (Can) 2-0; White bt Rigitano 2-0. (White qualifies) Group 19: P Medati bt G Miles 2-1. (Medati qualifies).
WIGAN: Professional League: Dennis Taylor bt David Taylor, 7-3

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: (Friday): Cleveland Cavaliers 95, Seattle Supersonics 90; Dallas Mavericks 115, Kansas City Kings 96; San Antonio Spurs 132, Milwaukee Bucks 127; New York Knicks 121, Utah Jazz 111; Boston Celtics 114, Houston Rockets 101; Detroit Pistons 134, Golden State Warriors 118; Chicago Bulls 100, Philadelphia 76ers 91; Washington Bullets 96, Los Angeles Lakers 93; Portland Trail Blazers 123, Denver Nuggets 117; San Diego Clippers 113, Atlanta Hawks 101. Saturday: New York Knicks 138, Denver Nuggets 112, San Antonio Spurs 123, Detroit Pistons 116; Cleveland Cavaliers 88, Indiana Pacers 83, Chicago Bulls 101, Golden State Warriors 98; Kansas City Kings 94, Washington Bullets 91; Phoenix Suns 108, Dallas Mavericks 89.

FIRST DIVISION: Leicester 72 (Payton 26), Manchester 86 (Brookins 26); Hemel Hampstead 85 (Smith 40), Solent Stars 103 (Johnson 22); Bolton 75 (Crosby 31), Crystal Palace 99 (McCray 25); Birmingham 86 (Donaldson 24), Kingston 85 (Lloyd 23); Warrington 77 (Brown 25), Bracknell 88 (Callandrillo 36); Warrington 91 (Bona 31), Birmingham 94 (Saunders 39); Brighton 84 (Jenkins 40), Manchester 91 (Gardener 27).
SECOND DIVISION: Bradford 78, Camden 83; Plymouth 84, Newcastle 114.
NATIONAL TROPHY: Quarter finals: Uxbridge 81, Calderdale 94; Sandwell 95, Colchester 98; Plymouth 79, Gateshead 86.
FIRST DIVISION (Women): Sandwell 83, Crystal Palace 69; Manchester 71, Colchester 59.

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Abbot Beyne 10, Ecclesbourne 10; Bablake 9, Princethorpe 4; Bethany 20, Lancing 4; Bristol GS 14, QEH Bristol 13; Campion 23, St Joseph's Academy 7; Emanuel 9, Hampton 8; Gravesend GS 0, Maidstone GS 0; Haberdashers' Aske's, Hatcham 0, Chislehurst & Sidcup GS 22; Judd 15, Dartford GS 10; King Mary's, Walsall 6; Kingsbury HS 36, Harrow Weald 0; King's, Macclesfield 3, Bradford 7; Lancaster RGS 29; Manchester GS 0; Latymer Upper 19, Glyn 9; Leeds GS 16, Silcoates 9; Lichfield Friary 3, Highfields 12; Malvern 15, Belmont Abbey 21; Reigate GS 12, Cowley HS 12; Rochester Math 19, St George's, Gravesend 9; St George's, Harpenden 6, Wellingborough 0; Sevenoaks 7, Warwick 0; Wallington 15, John Fisher 12; West Park GS 23, Hipperholme GS 0.

BOXING

DETROIT: WBC light middleweight championship: Thomas Hearns (US, holder) bt Luigi Minchillo (It). Light middle: Wilfred Benitez (Puerto Rico) bt Stacy McSwain (US), pts. Light heavy: Matthew Saad Muhammad (US) bt Willie Edwards (US), 11th round.

SNOW REPORTS

CAIRNGORMS: Upper, middle runs and lower slopes: complete, wide cover of snow, surface icy. Vertical runs: 1,800ft. Hill and main roads: clear. Snow level: 2,000ft. Glenshee: Upper runs: complete with hard packed snow. Lower slopes: ample nursery areas. Hard packed snow. Vertical runs: 1,000ft. Hill and main roads: clear. Snow level: 2,000ft. Glencoe: Upper runs: complete with hard packed snow. Lower slopes: complete with spring snow on a firm base. Vertical runs: 2,400ft. Hill and main roads: clear. Snow level: 1,200ft. Lecht: Upper and middle runs: complete, wide cover of hard packed snow on a firm base. Lower slopes: ample nursery areas, hard packed snow on a firm base. Vertical runs: 700ft. Hill and main roads: clear. Snow level 2,000ft.

IN BRIEF

Miss Troke wins title

The England number one badminton player, Steve Baddely has gone down with influenza, the week before the Thomas Cup in Ostend (*Richard Eaton writes*).

Baddeley withdrew at the weekend from the Dutch open championships in Utrecht. The leading English women's player, Helen Troke, beat Europe's number one, Kirsten Larsen, of Denmark, 4-11, 11-7, 12-10, to win the Dutch open title.

RUGBY UNION: The England centre, Huw Davies, recived physiotherapy treatment on injured knee ligaments yesterday, but is expected to be fit for the international with Ireland at Twickenham on Saturday. The team will be named this morning. The French number eight, Joinel, is doubtful for the game in Wales, after being injured in a club match yesterday.

SNOOKER: Dennis Taylor, of Blackburn, went top of the professional league at Wigan on Friday night. The former Northern Ireland champion eased to a 7-3 victory over Manchester's David Taylor, to chalk up his third successive win. That was enough to take him ahead of Tony Knowles and John Spencer, on a frame countback.

MOTOR RALLYING: Sweden's Stig Blomqvist steered his Audi Quattro to a comfortable victory in the Swedish rally yesterday, beating Michele Mouton, of France, by more than seven minutes. The win carried the Swede to the top of the world championship rankings.

ATHLETICS: Carlos Lopes, of Portugal, strode away for an emphatic victory in an international cross-country event in Paris yesterday. Lopes won the 9.9km race in 27min 44sec.

TOKYO: Marathon: 1, J Ikangaa (Tan), 2hr 10min 49sec; 2, J Pater (EG), 2:10.57; 3, S Dela Parte (Sp), 2.11.10.
TREMBLAY: L'Equipe race (9.9km): 1, C Lopes (Por) 27min 44sec; 2, F Abebe (Eth), 27.54; 3, P Levisse (Fr), 28:02. British placing: 7, N Muir, 28:24.
NEWCASTLE: Northern Championship (men) 1, M Charlton 36min 28sec; P Tootell 36:47; 3, C Moore 36.48. Team: Stretford 196; 2, Sunderland 220; 3, Liverpool 226.
PARLIAMENT HILL: Southern championship (men): 1, P O'Brien 44.41; 2, Dumpleton 44.43; 3, G Huckwell 44.52. Team: 1, Bournemouth 139 points; 2, North London 231; 3, Invicta 265.
CORBY: Midlands Championship (men): 1, J Wild 39min 0.6secs; 2, A Holden 39.08; 3, C Machne 39.27. Team: Tipton 77 points; Leicester 112; 3, Coventry 172

Today's fixtures

Kick-off 7y.30 unless stated
Fourth division
Stockport v Bury
Tranmere v Darlington
Scottish Cup
Third round
Aberdeen v Kilmarnock
Airdrie v St Johnstone
Third round replay
Brechin v Clydebank

FA TROPHY: First round repaly: Grantham v Bishop Auckland. Second round replay: Dulwich Hamlet v Chorly (at Kettering FC).
ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Nuneaton v Worcester. Bob Lord Trophy, third round, first leg: Kidderminster v Yeovil.
LONDON SENIOR CUP: First round: Barking v Barnet
MIDWEEK LEAGUE CUP: Southend v Brentford.

BADMINTON

Surrey Championships (Wimbledon S and BC, 5.00).

SQUASH RACKETS

Jesters Trophy (Heathfield SRC, Brondesbury Park, London, 6.00).

TENNIS

Men's Satellite tournament (Peterborough).

ROWING

Cambridge lose but have hope for Boat Race

By Jim Railton

Cambridge University emerged from their contest with [illegible] ambitious 'east enders' of [illegible] Rowing Club as marginal losers yesterday, but with hope for the Boat Race on March 17.

They lost, by the slimmest of margins in four contests, and by a foot in the final conflict, against [illegible] Lea, a new power in British rowing formed three years ago. They have already won two Henley trophies and produced another source of international rowers'.

The 'east enders' are out of season and will wish to peak later in the year. They over-rated Cambridge in four five-minute contests and [illegible] achieved any run from their [illegible] But try they did, just coming out on top. Cambridge had the [illegible] cruising rate and, according [illegible] present a threat to Oxfords' [illegible] year domination of the University Boat Race.

Cambridge are an enigmatic crew. Yesterday they were slightly schizophrenic, which will be enough to frighten Oxford into [illegible] action. Cambridge will look to their six-man, Pritchard — an Olympic silver medal winner – but yesterday he was below par, recovering from a virus–

CAMBRIDGE: A H Reynolds (Imperial C[illegible] and Pembroke) bow, G A D Barnard [illegible] College, Canada and Robinson), [illegible] (Dartmouth College, US and 1st and 3rd Trinity)*, A R Knight (Hampton and [illegible]) [illegible] Garrett, (Shrewsbury and LMBC) [illegible] Pritchard (St Clement Dane's and [illegible]) E M D Pearson (King's School, Canterbury [illegible] Jesus), J D Kinsella (Bedford Modern [illegible] Catherine's) stroke, P Hobson [illegible] Bradford and Christ's) cox.
* A Blue.

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CRICKET

A grey day that will be recalled in Wellington rather than Warrington

From Derek Hodgson, Auckland

This was a low, grey day for England in almost every sense. Eight stoppages, all but one for rain and bad light, an inability to excise the New Zealand tail and, finally, the loss of Fowler and Gower in scoring 54 runs will make it better remembered in Wellington than Warrington.

The lighter moments were contributed from off the field: a New Zealand television commentator referred to Cowans as "the great white hope of English cricket", implying a black future for other aspiring fast bowlers. There was a suggestion that marks, at one point, was using a leg trap of a long-on, a deep square leg and a long leg. A large dog of indeterminate breed broke up the afternoon with a joyful four-minute gallop round the outfield that eventually attracted the attention of a dozen white-coated attendants.

New Zealand's wicket keeper, Smith, was unchallenged as the outstanding player, established one sequence that even England's illustrious Taylor cannot match. He ended the New Zealand innings by lifting Marks twice over midwicket for six and then, with the next ball of the match, caught Fowler off Hadlee, crowning his maiden Test century in brilliant style.

As on Saturday, the Eden Park ground staff worked wonders to get the match started on time after overnight showers and morning drizzle. More showers reduced the morning play by another 35 minutes during which time Cowans and Marks shared the bowling, Botham being excused all but fielding duty because of an ankle badly bruised when stopping a fierce return drive from Jeff Crowe on Saturday.

Crowe and Smith took their seventh-wicket partnership to 83, in two hours, before Crowe, on 128, shaped to drive Marks through mid-off and was bowled. If anything, the pitch was slower than at Friday's start but Marks, and later Boock, seemed able to make the occasional ball skid through from the Dominion Road end.

Cairns brought with him the promise of excitement, fulfilled by driving and slicing Cowans for two boundaries in one over that took New Zealand past 400 for the first time at Eden Park. Smith, who has grown in stature with every minute spent at the crease, started this series with a best Test score of 20, after


Smith: maiden century

cutting, pulling and driving Willis, in the early afternoon, for eight runs in one over. He improved on that for the fourth time in three Test matches.

At 451 Cairns lofted one ball too many and Cowans raced 25 yards round to long leg to take a running two-handed catch on the boundary line. He deserved the generous applause, having suffered a few jeers after misfields on this hard but bumpy outfield.

Smith was then 77. Could he become the third centurion for New Zealand in this third Test? Boock supported him for four more overs before the last man, Chatfield, appeared, to be cheered every time he blocked a ball. Smith, clearly nervous, stretching and pacing between deliveries, refused to tip and tap his way through the 90s.

No loose ball by Marks was left unturned, every avenue offred by the seamers was exploited. Rain stopped play again when Smith was 97, returned at 99 but the umpires recalled England, who were scampering for shelter, and when Smith did turn Foster to fine leg for the coveted single rain was sweeping the field again.

Then came Smith's celebratory sixes and, at the next shower, a declaration by Howarth at 496 for nine. Mark's figures justified his inclusion. England began batting at 3.40. Hadlee's first ball was near enough to the off stump for Fowler to push forward; the ball then lifted neatly away just enough to take the faintest edge.

Smith and Gower spent 26 overs raising 48 without too much trouble. Howarth broke up his close field as early as the tenth over and three overs later introduced Boock. It was a move aimed at Gower, attacking the rough on his off stump; and it succeeded, for in Boock's seventh over Gower went back to drive on the off-side and was bowled.

The Leicester Lancers in retreat, it was left to the Cape and Natal Rifles to hold the breach, perilously, to the close. England need another 243 runs to avoid following on in a second successive Test.

NEW ZEALAND: First innings

J G Wright b Willis	130
B A Edgar l-b-w b Willis	0
*G P Howarth c Randall b Cowans	35
M D Crowe c Botham b Willis	16
J J Crowe b Marks	128
J V Coney b Cowans	9
R J Hadlee b Marks	3
†I D S Smith not out	113
B L Cairns c Cowans b Foster	28
S L Boock l-b-w b Marks	5
E J Chatfield not out	6
Extras ([illegible])	[illegible]
Total (9 wkts dec)	496

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-74, 3-111, 4-266, 5-293, 6-302, 7-385, 8-451, 9-461.

BOWLING: Willis, 34-7-109-3; Botham, 29-10-70-0; Cowans, 28-11-88-2; Foster, 30-8-78-1; Marks, 40.2-9-115-3.

ENGLAND: First innings

G Fowler c Smith b Hadlee	0
C L Smith, not out	16
D I Gower, b Boock	26
A J Lamb, not out	4
Extras (l-b 2, n-b 6)	8
Total (2 wkts)	54

I T Botham, D W Randall, V J Marks, †R W Taylor, N A Foster, *R G D Willis and N G Cowans to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-48.

BOWLING: (to date) Hadlee 8-2-15-1; Cairns 11-4-15-0; Boock 11-5-13-1; Chatfield 4-2-3-0.

Umpires: F R Goodall and S J Woodward.

Wasim decides it is time to go

Karachi, (Reuter) – Pakistan's troubled cricket team, due to play England next month, has suffered another blow with the sudden retirement of wicketkeeper Wasim Bari.

Bari, a veteran of 81 Test Matches, said: "I have played enough cricket and it was best to retire at my peak."

The Pakistani side was plagued by disputes over the captaincy during its recent Australian tour, and last Sunday the Cricket Control Board President, Nur Khan, suddenly announced his resignation.

Then their injured captain, Imran Khan, said he would not be available to tour England, and last Wednesday the team manager Intikhab Alam also quit. The England team will arrive on February 28

Bari, who made his debut in England in 1967, had the longest Test career of any Pakistani cricketer.

West Indies's emphatic reply

Melbourne (Reuter) – West Indies proved emphatically yesterday that they are masters of one-day cricket with an easy six-wicket victory over Australia to win the World Series Cricket Cup finals. West Indies, playing without their captain, Lloyd, and their leading batsman, Richards, who were injured, overhauled Australia's total of 212 for eight wickets with four overs to spare.

It was the best reply to the controversy and confusion after Saturday's dramatic tied match when West India, 1-0 up, felt they had won the cup and the prize money.

Logie and Dujon steered them to their 2-0 victory with an aggressive 124-run partnership after Australia had grabbed two wickets with three runs on the board. Logie, who got his chance to tour only through the withdrawal of Greenidge, hit a masterly 88 before being caught off Wessels.

Dujon was unbeaten on 82 at the finish and hit the winning run to give his team the prize.

Garner, who was made player of the finals, did the damage in the Australian innings, picking up five wickets for 31 runs. He got an early breakthrough, sending back Border and Wessels with only 25 runs on the board.

It was left to Hughes and a young Tasmanian, David Boon, making his international debut, to rescue the innings with an invaluable 100-run partnership. Hughes followed his superb half-century in Saturday's tied game by top-scoring with 65: he and Boon (39) took the score to 125 before the Tasmanian was comprehensively bowled by Davis.

Marsh, playing his last game for Australia, and Phillips pushed along the run rate with a partnership of 45 before Garner struck again. He had Phillips caught by Holding for 22, tempted Marsh into a skier to Dujon when he was on 35, and clean-bowled Lawson with the last ball of the Australian innings.

On Saturday observers thought West Indies had won the series; but officials went into a huddle and a third final was arranged. The West Indians felt that Saturday's match was theirs because they had lost fewer wickets.

Australia seem certain to lose another of their in-form batsmen for their tour of West Indies, starting next week. Their opener, Steve Smith, was carried from the field early in the Saturday final with a dislocated shoulder.

The Australians are already without their most consistent batsman of the summer, Graham Yallop, who damaged a a knee on the same ground in the first round of the one-day matches against West Indies. His place was taken by Dean Jones, who had to open on Saturday in place of Smith.

Saturday

WEST INDIES:

D L Haynes, c Hogan, b Border	18
R S Gabriel, c Smith, b Rackemann	19
R Richardson, c Marsh, b Lawson	43
I V Richards, c Hogan, b Wessels	59
*C H Lloyd, c Hogg, b Wessels	11
H A Gomes, not out	25
† P J Dujon, not out	33
Extras (l-b 10, w3, n-b1)	14
Total (5wkts, 50 overs)	222

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-54, 3-116, 4-137, 5-173.

BOWLING: G Lawson, 10-4-26-1; C Rackemann, 10-4-52-1; R Hogg, 9-1-40-1; T Hogan, 10-2-31-0; A Border, 6-0-34-1; K Wessels, 5-0-29-2.

AUSTRALIA

K. C. Wessels, c Marshall, b Holding	77
D. Jones, c Dujon, b Holding	12
*K. J. Hughes, lbw, b Marshall	53
A. R. Border, c Dujon, b Garner	14
G. M. Ritchie, c Dujon, b Garner	4
† R. W. Marsh, b Garner	18
G. F. Lawson, not out	21
T. G. Hogan, c sub, b Holding	6
R. M. Hogg, run out	3
C. G. Rackemann, run out	1
Extras ((w1, l-b8, b2, n-b4)	15
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs)	222

S. B. Smith did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-132, 3-161, 4-169, 5-178, 6-192, 7-209, 8-218, 9-222.

BOWLING: Holding, 10-0-39-3; Garner, 10-1-39-3; Baptiste, 10-0-44-0; Marshall, 10-1-27-1; Richards, 3-0-28-0; Gomes, 7-0-37-0.

Yesterday

AUSTRALIA:

K C Wessels, b Garner	17
A R Border, b Davis	4
D Boon, b Davis	39
*K J Hughes, c and b Baptiste	65
D Jones, c Garner, b Holding	3
W B Phillips, c Holding, b Holding	3
†R W Marsh, c Dujon, b Garner	35
G F Lawson, b Garner	7
T G Hogan, not out	1
Extras (b1, l-b14, n-b2, w2)	19
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs)	212

R M Hogg and C G Rackermann did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-25, 3-125, 4-140, 5-140, 6-185, 7-210, 8-212.

BOWLING: M A Holding, 10-1-39-1; J Garner, 10-1-31-5; M D Marshall, 10-0-44-0; W Davis, 10-0-45-1; E A Baptiste, 10-0-44-1.

WEST INDIES

D L Haynes, b Lawson	1
R. Richardson, lbw, b Hogg	27
H A Gomes, lbw, b Lawson	0
A L Logie, c Rackemann, b Wessels	88
†P J Dujon, not out	82
M D Marshall, not out	6
Extras (b4, l-b 3, w3)	9
Total (4 wkts)	213

R Harper, M A Holding, J Garner, E A Baptiste, W Davis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-3, 3-52, 4-176.

BOWLING: G F Lawson, 9-1-45-2; C G Rackemarm, 8.3-2-40-0; R M Hogg, 8-1-22-1; T G Hogan, 10-0-39-0; A R Border, 3-0-13-0; K C Wessels, 6-0-47-1.

ATHLETICS

Russian vaulter puts world best into higher orbit

By Pat Butcher

The Americans were given a Soviet lesson in the art of untethered space flight late on Friday night, when Sergei Bubka broke the indoor pole vault world best for the third time in a month. A few hours before the space shuttle, Challenger, came down to land in Florida, the world champion was taking off to 5.83 metres (19ft 1½in) in Los Angeles.

Billy Olson who comes form NASA country, near Houston, was second with 5.80m, which equalled his world best last year. But Bubka, who broke that with 5.81 in Vilnius, in the Soviet Union, three weeks ago, then added another centimetre in Milan on February 1, was, as Olson conceded, "in a class by himself".

Bubka won again in New York last night, with 5.70m, but Ralf Lübke went one better when he broke the world 200 metres best on successive nights

Lübke ran 20.67sec in the heats on Friday evening, bettering his own world best by one tenth of a second. Then, in Saturday's final, he reduced that by the same margin.

Mike McLeod won the prestigious Gasparilla 15 kilometre road race in Florida, in 42min 45sec.

Mike Musyoki of Kenya, was second, followed by John Treacy of Ireland, and Joseph Nzau, also of Kenya. Grete Waitz won the women's race in 47.57, with Wendy Sly of Britain second, in 48.42.

HOCKEY

England lift the silver

By Sydney Friskin

England ended a six-year period of international failures by winning the silver medal in the European indoor champoinship, sponsored by *Glenfiddich, after beating Scotland* 8-4 at Meadowbank, Edinburgh, yesterday. The last medal, a bronze, was won by England outdoors in the European championship at Hanover in 1978.

West Germany retained the gold medal having won all five matches. Like those magnificent men in their flying machines they had read the book of instructions. Scotland were edged out of the bronze medal by the Netherlands on goal difference. The Dutch were beaten 8-7 by England earlier in the day.

Richard Clarke was top soccer with 18 goals. He reached the 100 mark on Friday night when he scored four goals against France and now has a total of 114 in indoor internationals.

By the end of Saturday's play Scotland had put themselves in line for a silver medal by defeating the Netherlands 8-3. But their rejoicing was turned to lament yesterday morning when they were beaten 9-5 by France.

England had earlier won a tense battle against the Dutch, who were leading 5-4 at half-time and again 6-5 after Leman had levelled at 5-5. Goals by Nicholson and Clarke put England ahead until Hoosten squared the match at 7-7. Four minutes before the end Clarke won the match for England.

Against Scotland, England had led 5-2 at half-time. The Scots came close when Lawson reduced England's lead to 6-4 but goals by Leman and Clarke took England to 8-4. McPherson failed to beat Smith at a penalty stroke. Smith had replaced Hurst who was injured in the early minutes.

SATURDAY: Scotland 10, Italy 7; Netherlands 10, France 9; England 2, West Germany 11; Scotland 8, Netherlands 3; England 9, Italy 6; West Germany 12, France 5. Yesterday (Sun): West Germany 17, Italy 9; Scotland 5, France 9; England 8, Netherlands 7; France 5, Italy 5; Scotland 4, England 8; West Germany 11, Netherlands 6.

FINAL PLACINGS: 1, West Germany 10 pts; 2, England 8; 3, Netherlands 4; 4, Scotland 4; 5, France 3; 6, Italy 1.

Middlesex take the county title

Middlesex are the new women's national county champions (Joyce Whitehead writes). They beat Leicestershire, the holders, 1-0 in the final yesterdy at Shotley, Ipswich, thanks to a goal from Eleanor Lewis

Leicestershire, playing their tenth final in 16 years, were without Helen Woodward, their newly-selected England international

In the play-offs yesterday, Somerset took third place by scoring three penalty strokes to two after a goalless draw with Cheshire, and Suffolk came fifth, beating Warwickshire 2-1.

RESULTS Saturday: Cheshire 3, Suffolk 0; Leicestershire 1, Suffolk 1; Leicestershire 3, Cheshire 0; Middlesex 1, Somerset 1; Middlesex 3, Warwickshire 0; Somerset 1, Warwickshire 0. Sunday: Final: Middlesex 1, Leicestershire 0. Play offs: Somerset 0, Cheshire 0 (3-2 on penalty strokes); Suffolk 2, Warwickshire 1.

FOOTBALL: TWO CHAMPIONSHIP CONTENDERS SUCCEED AWAY FROM HOME

Shades of Liverpool in Forest make-up

By Clive White

Queen's Park Rangers 0
Nottingham Forest 1

Heirs apparent or pretenders? Some will have seen the visit of Nottingham Forest to London on Saturday as a rehearsal for their coronation. Queen's Park Rangers failed to pull the green carpet from beneath them, and one senses that on Forest's next visit to London, on May 12 at Upton Park, a carpet of a different colour will be rolled out in their honour.

If you squinted just a little, it was not difficult to imagine that it was Liverpool protecting a lead, as the disciplined members of Nottingham Forest, in their all-red strip, funnelled back to defend in depth, against the increasingly frustrated men of Queen's Park Rangers.

Like Liverpool, Who also won here 1-0, they attacked in strength, but seldom with the same fluency or ingenuity. Brian Clough, the Forest manager, has craftily insisted all season that they are not yet of championship quality, but what sort of quality will it take to win this year's title.

It was left to Terry Venables, the Rangers manager, reluctantly to assume the role of pretender. He looked like a pickpocket who had been pickpocketed. This was supposed to be a lucrative week, the beginning of a run of five crucial games from which they would take enough points to force their way into the championship reckoning. It was not to be.

Forest found it difficult to be productive, what with the unnatural demands of the artificial pitch and the controlled good football of Rangers. "I couldn't have asked more from my team in the first half. I thought we played some superb stuff," Venables said.

All I know is, that while you had to applaud some of the slick man-to-man moves of Rangers, the only time anyone in the stands leapt to their feet, was to get an eyeful of a crowd disturbance down below.

Forest's goal, four minutes before half-time, rankled with Venables, not just because it was against the run of play, but because it was a lucky goal, Hodge's cross taking an unkind deflection before Birtles scored with a downward header.

Meanwhile, Stainrod, sporting a short haircut, strove hardest of all, to lose the less vigilant side of his reputation. Van Breukelen did exceptionally well to deny him from six yards, and Bowyer less so when he tripped Stainrod as the Rangers forward burst through menacingly four minutes from time. It summed up Rangers's afternoon when Bowyer went unpunished, and Stainrod collected the only booking two minutes later, for hurling himself at Van Breukelen more in desperation than anger.

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS: P Hucker, W Neill, I Dawes, G Waddock, S Wicks, T Fenwick, M Fillery, I Stewart, J Charles (sub W Fereday), S Stainrod, J Gregory.
NOTTINGHAM FOREST: H van Breukelen; V Anderson, K Swain, C Fairclough, P Hart, I Bowyer, F Thijssen, I Wallace, G Birtles, S Hodge, C Walsh.
Referee: T D Spencer (Salisbury).

Aberdeen tighten title grip

By Hugh Taylor

Aberdeen continues to march imperturbably towards the Scottish Premier Division title. Although the concentration of the players may have been broken after having to leave the field when fighting broke out on the terraces and their tactics upset when Bell, had to limp off after only three minutes with a pulled muscle, the leaders scored an emphatic 4–0 victory with goals by Black and Hewitt. The Scottish Football Association are to hold an inquiry into the crowd violence.

● Scotland will play Yugoslavia at Hampden Park on September 12 as part of their build-up for the 1986 World Cup.

● The Scottish Football Association and the Scottish League are in conflict over the League's decision to play the second leg of the league semi-final between Aberdeen and Celtic on February 29 – the day after Scotland meet Wales at Hampden Park. In a statement issued yesterday, David Will, the SFA president, said he was "quite adamant" that there would be no interference with the affairs of the Scottish international team and is calling a meeting of the SFA international committee.

United demonstrate their unity

By Stuart Jones

Luton Town 0
Manchester United............5

There was sure to be a demonstration of one sort or another at Kenilworth Road yesterday. Some of Luton Town's supporters are as unhappy about their proposed change of address as some of Manchester United's are weary of their proposed change of ownership. ITV even gave them a chance to voice their disapproval across the nation.

In spite of a banner sporting the couplet "Sir Matt and the Edwards are United, Luton FC makes this town excited" only 11,000 people were present, half the figure for the corresponding fixture last season.

But there was a vivid demonstration that lasted for 90 minutes on the pitch. After six League draws over the last six weeks, United's championship ambitions were teetering on the edge of oblivion. Defeat, after all, would have left them seven points behind Liverpool and only the Cup Winners' Cup would have remained as a realistic hope of glory.

Ron Atkinson, United's manager, was not surprised by the margin of victory, which was not only their biggest this season but also their highest total of goals. "We could have won by 10", he said with some justification, "and we have been threatening t do that to several sides recently. At Birmingham earlier this week, for example."

He revealed that he had followed one example of Nottingham Forest, now lying second above them. Having seen Hodge perform "magnificently" in their 5-0 defeat at West Bromwich Albion in midweek, he told Robson to fill a similar role, moving up behind the front two and leaving the creative role in the hands of Wilkins and Muhren.

Luton, given little time to plan their own strategies, were two down by the interval and, losing their gamble over a substitution, were overrun by the end. Had Moses and Whiteside scored instead of striking the woodwork in the closing quarter of an hour, their embarrassment would have been even more complete.


Albiston and Bunn keep their eyes on the ball at Luton (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

After scorning a couple of genuine opportunities, Robson himself put United ahead from Stapleton's headed flick in the thirty-seventh minute. Whiteside added the second with a looping header from Muhren's cross but was fortunate when the referee ignored a linesman waving his yellow flag in vain for offside.

That decision, or lack of it, was to prove as crucial as Bailey's astonishing save from Bunn's close-range volley early in the second half.

Once Thomas had been replaced by Antic, Luton fell apart at the seams and conceded three goals in six minutes.

Robson claimed the third from Duxbury's through ball and Stapleton and Whiteside created the last two for each other. "Not only are they skilful, they are so strong and so fast", David Pleat, Luton's manager, muttered later. He may find himself uttering the same words next Saturday evening, when Luton's visitors happen to be Liverpool.

LUTON TOWN: L Sealey; K Stephens, M Thomas (sub, R Antic), B Horton, P Elliott, M Donaghy, R Hill, B Stein, P Walsh, T Aylott, F Bunn.
MANCHESTER UNITED: G Bailey; M Duxbury, A Albiston, R Wilkins, K Moran, G Hogg, B Robson (sub, A Graham), A Muhren, F Stapleton, N Whiteside, R Moses.
Referee: A Robinson (Hampshire).

Leading scorers

FIRST DIVISION: I Rush (Liverpool) 30; S Archibald (Tottenham) 22; T Christie (Notts County) 18; F Stapleton (Man Utd) 16; P Withe (Aston Villa) 16; T Gibson (Coventry) 15; S Stainrod (QPR) 15; A Woodcock (Arsenal) 15.

Grey day for Black Country

By Paul Harrison

No wonder they call it the Black Country. One reason for the cloud of dark depression hanging over the Midlands is failure on the football front. The bottom six in the first division are all Midlanders: from among **Wolverhampton Wanderers, Notts County, Stoke City, Leicester City, Birmingham City** and **West Bromwich Albion** the three clubs to be relegated are almost certainly to be found.

Only **Nottingham Forest**, with their fifth successive away win on Saturday at **Queens Park Rangers**, are doing conspicuously well in the League, although three of the threatened clubs – **Birmingham, Notts County and West Bromwich** – are in the fifth round of the FA Cup next Saturday. So are **Derby County** and **Shrewsbury Town**, of the second division.

On Saturday, only **Stoke City** of the sorry six won, Painter's goal being enough to beat **Ipswich Town**, who are themselves on the downward slide. **Birmingham City** and bottom-placed **Wolves** cancelled themselves out at St Andrews, before a "derby" crowd of just 14,319. **West Bromwich**, depleted in strength and victims of a 5-0 midweek mauling from Brian Clough's men, recovered their equilibrium somewhat to hold **Everton** 1-1 at The Hawthorns.

Both **Notts County** and **Leicester City** were unlucky. County scored three times at home and still ended up well beaten, 5-3 by re-emergent **Watford**, for whom Johnston and Reilly, the Little and Large strike free, supplied the two second-half goals. Just before Christmas, Watford, stricken by a long run of injuries, were themselves in the bottom three. Since then, their way has been upwards.

Leicester were unlucky at White Hart Lane, because they gave **Tottenham Hotspur** a two-goal start, drew level with two second-half gals from Lineker and only finally succumbed to a superb 25-yard strike from Archibald with six minutes left, his twenty second goal of the season.

Lineker: two goals

The brightest shaft of sunlight falls on Fellows Park, where **Walsall** stayed three points clear at the top of the third division with a 4-0 defeat of **Southend United**. It was a good way to tune up for tomorrow's *Milk Cup* semi-final second leg with **Liverpool**, when the ground will be bulging. Walsall may be without Rees, one of the heroes in the 2-2 draw at Anfield. He has a calf injury.

A return to the *first division* looms larger and larger for **Chelsea**, three points clear at the top of the second. Their team may be welcome: but their fans will not. There was fighting on the pitch after the 1-0 win at **Cambridge United**. McAndrew, who scored the goal, emphasised after the match that both players and club do not want the violent fans. "The club is doing everything it can to stamp it out," he said. Cambridge, who have not won for 23 games, look set for the third division.

Sheffield Wednesday and **Manchester City** both won to keep on Chelsea's heels, but **Newcastle United** drop below **Grimsby Town** after the latter's 1-0 victory at St James' Park, Drinkell scoring. Grimsby march on, unbeaten since November in the League and they have beaten Chelsea and Sheffield Wednesday during that run.

Howe to find a place for Nicholas

By Nicholas Harling

Liverpool..............................2
Arsenal.................................1

Only the scoreline bore any resemblance to normality at Anfield on Saturday. The Liverpool scorers were two full backs, Kennedy and Neal, and the comments of the managers were curious

After a match in which Arsenal had scored with their only shot on target, Joe Fagan, of Liverpool, was moved to say that he had never seen an Arsenal side attack so much at Anfield.

Fagan's opposite number, Don Howe, expressed surprise and then went one better by mentioning his enigmatic Scot, Charlie Nicholas, in the same breath as Zico, the brilliant Brazilian.

Anticipating the guffaws, Howe did his best to qualify what sounded like pure fantasy bu suggesting that Nicholas, like Zico, seems at his best in a floating role. "I'm not saying he's like Zico but I hope he becomes like Zico because he isn't a forward and he isn't a midfield player. He's somewhere in between and we've got to find out where."

If midfield was as Howe acknowledged "a mess in the second *half*", so was Liverpool's first goal and the face of the scorer, Kennedy, after he had got in the way of an Arsenal boot desperately trying to clear the free kick that Lee had whipped across the face of the Arsenal goal

Kennedy's header was somehow kept out by Jennings but the full back knew nothing about how he converted the rebound.

It was ironical that in the time added on for Liverpool's injuries Arsenal equalised. Talbot mis-hit a cross that went behind everyone but Rix.

Liverpool seemed to have run out of options when Neal, as though to prove anything Kennedy could do, he could do better, did so in the 78th minute. Johnston sent a free kick across the goalmouth for Neal to score with a powerful header.

LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelaar; P Neal, A Kennedy, M Lawrenson, S Nicol, A Hansen, M Robinson, S Lee, I Rush, C Johnston, R Whelan.
ARSENAL: P Jennings; C Hill, K Sansom, B Talbot, D O'Leary, T Caton, D Cork (sub I Allinson), P Davis, A Woodcock, C Nicholas, G Rix. Referee: C N Seel (Carlisle).

Parkes towers above the rest

By David Powell

Coventry City.......................1
West Ham United.................2

Coventry City paraded two mascots on Saturday instead of their usual one and made three team changes. But their decline continues. Perhaps they should have tried a few more reserves since West Ham United fielded half a dozen and achieved a victory which leaves them as the only contenders for the traditional League and Cup double.

The contribution of the West Ham goalkeeper, Phil Parkes, stood above all else, even the two goals scored by Tony Cottee. Magnanimously, Cottee agreed that Parke's contribution had been greater than his own, though the little man was like a cabbie in the rush hour, eyes glancing in all directions, foot on the accelerator when someone else looked like getting there first.

"Phil was tremendous. I didn't think he would ever be beaten," Cottee said. Coventry's injury-time goal was no fault of Parkes, more a penance for lost concentration at a corner which allowed Hunt to strike unmarked. On the weekend that Ray Clemence announced his retirement from international football, let England not forget this outstanding member of a West Ham team enjoying the best league season in their history.

Still we hear voices saying: "They won't keep it up." Still West Ham are keeping it up with the championship field reduced to four. Instead of fading towards the finish, Cottee expects their challenge to grow: "We have got a lot of class players to come back into the side and they will boost our chances."

The best of many saves by Parkes was from a ferocious drive by Daly for which he launched himself to the left at such a full stretch that if he had fingernails before the save he may not have them now.

By contrast, Avramovic did not save once. West Ham scored from two of their three chances and the other was, almost impossibly, missed by Swindlehurst. The scoreboard credited Bamber with an own goal after 18 minutes but Cottee's flick from Allen's corner was goal-bound before Bamber deflected it.

Swindlehurst redeemed himself by sending Dickens on his way with Cottee at his side and, after an exquisitely timed sequence of passes, Cottee tucked away his fifteenth goal of the season.

COVENTRY CITY: R Avramovic; B Roberts, S Pearce, G Daly, T Peake, S Allardyce, D Bennett, S Hunt, D Bamber, T Gibson, A Grimes.

WEST HAM UNITED: P Parkes; F Lampard, R Stewart, S Walford, N Orr, P Brush, R Barnes, A Cottee, D Swindlehurst, P Allen, A Dickens.
Referee: L Burden (Poole).

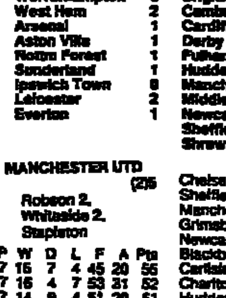
First division

Birmingham	0	Wolverhampton	0
Coventry	1	West Ham	2
Liverpool	2	Arsenal	1
Norwich City	3	Aston Villa	1
Q P Rangers	0	Nottm Forest	1
Southampton	1	Sunderland	1
Stoke	1	Ipswich Town	0
Tottenham	2	Leicester	2
West Brom Albion	1	Everton	1

Yesterday

LUTON (0) 0 MANCHESTER UTD (2) 5
11,265 — Robson 2, Whiteside 2, Stapleton

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	27	16	7	4	45	20	55
Nottm Forest	27	16	4	7	53	31	52
Manchester Utd	27	14	9	4	51	29	51
West Ham Utd	27	15	5	7	44	25	50
Q P Rangers	26	13	4	9	43	24	43
Southampton	26	12	7	7	30	23	43
Tottenham	27	11	7	9	46	44	40
Norwich City	27	10	9	8	33	30	39
Luton Town	26	12	3	11	41	41	39
Coventry City	26	10	8	8	35	33	38
Watford	27	11	4	12	48	48	37
Aston Villa	26	10	7	9	38	41	37
Everton	26	9	8	9	21	27	35
Arsenal	27	10	4	13	42	39	34
Ipswich Town	26	9	5	12	35	35	32
Sunderland	26	8	8	10	28	36	32
West Bromwich	27	9	4	14	30	45	31
Birmingham City	27	8	6	13	27	33	30
Leicester City	27	7	8	12	42	49	29
Stoke City	27	5	8	14	23	47	23
Notts County	26	5	5	16	36	57	20
Wolverhampton	26	4	6	16	21	53	18





CENTRAL LEAGUE First division: Manchester United 0, Liverpool 1.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Arsenal 0, QPR 2; Ipswich 1, Swindon 0; Swansea 0, Tottenham 4; Watford 4, Oxford United 0.
IRISH LEAGUE: Ballymena 2, Portadown 1; Bangor 0, Coleraine 1; Carrick Rangers 0, Ards 1; Distillery 2, Newry Town 1; Glenavon 1, Larne 0; Glentoran 1, Crusaders 0; Linfield 1, Cliftonville 0.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: First round, second leg: Gainsborough 1, Grantham 1 (agg: 1–3); South Liverpool 2, Oswestry 0 (agg: 3–0). Second round: Barrow 2, Buxton 0; Macclesfield 2, Matlock 2; Horwich 1, Burton Albion 1; Witton Albion 0, Chorley 1; Workington 2, Marine 1; Worksop 2, Stafford Rangers 1.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Morecambe 0, Rhyl 1.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE Premier division: A P Leamington 2, Gosport 3; Chelmsford 2, Bedworth 0; Cheltenham 1, Fisher Athletic 4; Corby v Alvechurch late kick off; Dorchester 1, Hastings 2; Fareham Town 4, Folkestone 2; Gravesend 1, Sutton Coldfield 1; Stourbridge 0, King's Lynn 1; Welling United 1, Gloucester 3; Witney Town 0, Dartford 1.
OXFORD SENIOR CUP: Third round: Blackfriars 0, Oxford City 6.
ESSEX SENIOR TROPHY: Semi-final round: Basildon 1, Tiptree 0.

Second division

Brighton	1	Swansea City	1
Cambridge Utd	0	Chelsea	1
Cardiff City	0	Leeds United	1
Derby County	1	Blackburn	1
Fulham	1	Crystal Palace	1
Huddersfield	0	Oldham Athletic	1
Manchester City	2	Portsmouth	1
Middlesbrough	2	Barnsley	1
Newcastle	0	Grimsby Town	1
Sheffield Wed	4	Charlton	1
Shrewsbury	0	Carlisle United	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	29	16	9	4	60	32	57
Sheffield Wed	27	16	7	4	53	25	55
Manchester City	27	15	6	6	46	29	51
Grimsby Town	27	13	10	4	39	27	49
Newcastle Utd	26	15	3	8	51	37	48
Blackburn Rovers	27	12	11	4	36	31	47
Carlisle Utd	27	12	10	5	31	19	46
Charlton Athletic	28	13	7	8	38	37	46
Huddersfield	27	10	9	8	37	35	39
Middlesbrough	27	9	8	10	30	29	35
Brighton	27	9	7	11	42	41	34
Leeds Utd	25	9	6	10	34	35	33
Shrewsbury	26	8	9	9	30	34	33
Portsmouth	27	9	5	13	43	38	32
Cardiff City	26	10	2	14	33	38	32
Oldham Athletic	27	9	5	13	30	45	32
Crystal Palace	26	8	6	12	28	34	30
Barnsley	26	8	5	13	37	38	29
Fulham	27	6	9	12	31	38	27
Derby County	27	6	6	15	24	50	15
Swansea City	27	3	6	18	23	54	15
Cambridge	27	2	8	17	20	60	14

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Aveley 1, Walton and Hersham 4; Chesham 4, Metropolitan Police 0; Clapton 1, Lewes 0; Epsom and Ewell 4, Windsor and Eton 0; Feltham 1, Hornchurch 2; Hampton 4, Hertford 0; Kingstonian 2, Chesham 2; Leatherhead 5, Tilbury 0; MaidenheadUnited 3, Borehamwood 0; Wembley 2, Farnborough 2. Second division: Dorking 1, Barton Rovers0; Eastbourne United 1, Egham 1; Hemel Hemstead 2, Tring 3; Hungerford 1, St Albans 1; Newbury 2, Molesey 2; Rainham 1, Letchworth 0; Southall 0, Epping 0; Uxbridge 0, Grays Athletic 0; Ware 2, Finchley 0.
ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Bangor City 0, Boston United 0; Barnet 2, Trowbridge 1; Bath 1, Gateshead 1; Dagenham 1, Yeovil 0; Kettering 1, Runcorn 0; Kidderminster 3, Wealdstone 1; Northwich Victoria 0, Telford United 0; Scarborough 1, Nuneaton 0; Weymouth 0, Frickley 2, Worcester 0, Altrincham 1.
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Dulwich Hamlet 1, Hendon 2; Harlow 0, Barking 0; Hayes 1, Bognor Regis 0; Hitchin 1, Harrow 3; Slough Town 2, Billericay 0; Sutton United 1, Staines 2; Tooting and Mitcham 4, Leytonstone and Ilford 0; Walthamstow Avenue 1, Carshalton Athletic 1; Wokingham 5, Bromley 1; Worthing 4, Croydon 1.
ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Berkhamsted 1, Camberley 2; Burnham 2, Haringey Borough 0; Chertsey 0, Kingsbury 1; Flackwell Heath 3, Banstead 0; Fleet 1, Harwich and Parkestone 2; Hoddesdon 1, Chalfont St Peter 2; Redhill 2, Marlow 4; Thatcham 1, Edgware 1; Whyteleafe 2, Ruislip Manor 1; Wolverton 1, Horley 1.

Third division

Bradford City	2	Port Vale	2
Bristol Rovers	0	Orient	0
Burnley	2	Brentford	2
Gillingham	2	Bournemouth	1
Lincoln	1	Hull City	3
Millwall	2	Oxford United	1
Preston	2	Plymouth	1
Rotherham	1	Bolton	1
Walsall	4	Southend	0
Wigan Athletic	3	Sheffield Utd.	0
Wimbledon	2	Exeter City	1

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Walsall	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wimbledon	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hull City	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oxford United	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sheffield Utd	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bristol Rovers	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bolton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Gillingham	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Orient	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Millwall	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bradford City	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lincoln City	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Newport	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wigan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Rotherham	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bournemouth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Brentford	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Exeter City	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Scunthorpe	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Fourth division

Bury	2	Doncaster	3
Colchester	2	Chesterfield	0
Crewe	2	Blackpool	1
Hartlepool	3	Halifax	0
Hereford	5	Tranmere	1
Mansfield	0	Peterborough	0
Northampton	1	Rochdale	1
Reading	1	Chester	0
Swindon	2	Stockport	1
Torquay	1	Bristol City	0
Wrexham	1	Aldershot	1
York City	2	Darlington	0

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Scottish premier division

Celtic	5	St Johnstone	2
Dundee Utd	2	Hibernian	0
Hearts	2	Rangers	2
Motherwell	0	Aberdeen	4
St Mirren	4	Dundee	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	22	17	3	2	57	12	37
Celtic	22	13	5	4	51	25	31
Dundee United	20	12	4	4	38	18	28
Rangers	23	10	5	8	35	30	25
St Mirren	22	6	10	6	33	31	22
Hearts	22	7	8	7	25	31	22
Hibernian	22	8	3	11	29	36	19
Dundee	21	7	2	12	29	43	16
St Johnstone	23	5	1	17	22	62	11
Motherwell	23	1	7	15	17	48	9

Scottish first Division

Alloa Athletic	3	Falkirk	1
Clydebank	1	Ayr United	2
Hamilton	3	Dumbarton	3
Kilmarnock	1	Brechin City	1
Meadowbank	1	Morton	1
Partick Thistle	1	Clyde	2
Raith Rovers	2	Airdrieonians	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Partick Thistle	25	15	3	7	45	31	33
Dumbarton	25	13	7	5	45	33	33
Morton	25	11	10	4	48	32	32
Kilmarnock	26	13	3	10	43	33	29
Brechin City	24	9	9	6	36	22	27
Clydebank	24	9	9	6	36	32	28
Clyde	25	9	7	9	36	30	25
Falkirk	24	11	3	10	33	36	25
Ayr United	26	7	10	9	40	41	24
Airdrieonian	26	9	5	12	28	39	23
Meadowbank	26	8	6	12	29	44	22
Hamilton Acad	25	5	10	10	27	33	20
Raith Rovers	25	4	9	12	27	41	17
Alloa Athletic	24	5	4	15	28	45	14

Scottish second division

Dunfermline	1	Albion Rovers	2
E. Stirling	3	Forfar Athletic	1
Montrose	1	Queen of South	0
Queen's Park	4	Cowdenbeath	3
Stenhousemuir	3	Berwick Rangers	2
Stranraer	1	East Fife	0

Postponed: Arbroath v Stirling Albion

Scottish Cup third round

Inverness Cal	0	Stirling Albion	0

LIBERTADORES CUP: Flamengo 4, Sao Paulo 1
ARTHUR DUNN CUP: Second round: Westminsters 2, Aldenhamians 0.
Arthurian league: premier division: Chigwellians 2, Cholmeleians 1; Harrovians 0, Brentwoods 1. First division: Reptonians 3, Ardinians 3; Wellingburians 4, Etonians 2.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Brentwood 6, Haileybury 0; Cardinal Vaughan 5, Westminster City 2; Colfe's 1, Ravensbourne 0; Hampton 3, Corinthian Casuals 3; Oratory 1, Worcester RGS 1; Sexey's, Bruton 2, Foster's, Sherborne 0.

RUGBY UNION: JOHN PLAYER CUP THIRD ROUND

Welsh at pains to find cup form

By Gerald Davies

Llanelli 20
Harlequins 9

Bearing in mind all the entertainment usually provided, it was inevitable that at least one game at Stradey Park this season would prove a disappointment. With a tie against Pontypool in the next round of the Welsh Cup, it is just as well that Llanelli got this display out of their systems now, the same can be said of Harlequins who are much fancied for the John Player Cup.

In a match full of handling errors, Llanelli won by two tries and four penalties to a goal and one penalty. The lineouts were evenly shared, as were the scrums. In fact, both sets of forwards looked highly competent and well organized, none more so than Butcher and Weekes for Harlequins.

Both scrum halves played well too; but it was the players further out who disappointed, tending to stand too far apart and run towards the touch rather than the goal line. Woodhouse, the Harlequins scrum half, varied his game well, kicked accurately with his left foot, passed swiftly and was never shy of taking on the opposing back row.

The game started at a cracking pace. Pearce made a break from his own line which very nearly brought a try, then Salmon promptly replied with an equally devastating run. It was he who gratefully accepted a misdirected pass from Hopkins to set up, with Cooke's help, a try for Halsey which Dudman converted.

Llanelli scored soon afterwards, but there was nothing slick about the move, luck playing a large part. From a five-yard scrum, and following a couple of wayward passes, Gravelle somehow created space for Donovan to dive over in the corner.

Llanelli took the lead from a short lineout close to the visitors' line, when May returned the ball to Townley, the thrower, who scored. Pearce and Dudman exchanged a penalty each before half time to bring the score to 11–9.

Sadly, the game, so evenly poised, deteriorated after that, with Pearce's three other penalties punctuating a rather mundane second half.

SCORERS: Llanelli: Tries: Donovan, Townley. Penalties: Pearce (4). Harlequins: Try: Halsey. Conversion: Dudman. Penalty: Dudman.

LLANELLI: M Gravelle; P Lewis, D Nicholas, J Griffiths, P Hopkins, C Donovan; G Pearce, M Douglas, A Buchanan, K Townley, L Delaney, A Davies, R May (capt), R Thomas, J Cooper, M Lewis.

HARLEQUINS: R Dudman; G Halsey, J Salmon, A Thomson, A Dent; R Cramb, A Woodhouse; C Field, J Oliver, P Tongue, S Weekes, W Wall, N O'Brien, D Cooke (capt), C Butcher.

Referee: C Norling (Bridgend).

Moseley's progress built on depth of experience

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Sale 9
Moseley 10

The consistently high standard of two full backs who, on their day, can rival anyone in England, illuminated an otherwise drab Brooklands on Saturday. It was hard on Lowdon, therefore, but not on Sale in general, that they lost this third round John Player Cup tie by a try, a penalty goal and a dropped goal to three penalties; Moseley will entertain either Nottingham or Stourbridge (who meet tomorrow) in the fourth round.

How often has it happened that Northern clubs have looked, with some justification, for a lengthy cup run, only to stumble against a side such as Moseley, whose greater quality of fixtures gives them more depth of experience upon which to draw. In particular, they had experience in the back row, an area of much discussion in selection, but the final choice of Warren, Beale and Barr was justified in the cloying mud.

The Sale back row put together some promising moves, but when it mattered, the loose ball generally went Moseley's way. Moreover, during the period of their ascendancy – roughly speaking, the second and third quarters of the game – Moseley forged a lead which, if slim, proved enough to provoke Sale into all kinds of anxiety, as the clock ticked away the final 20 minutes.

It was no classic, because Moseley came to play a tight game, Perry and Metcalfe kicking some splendid touches and Recardo and Tuckwood winning much cleaner ball at the lineout than Sale, until the later stages, when Moseley's tight forwards tired and McKie came into his own, giving Sale enough possession to win the match. They did not, because Lowdon was the only Sale back who appeared to have any vision for the game.

Moseley's defence was well organised, and Sale made it easier for them by repeating the same moves, using Bond on the crash ball, which is only justified if you win the subsequent ruck or maul. There was one glorious first-half surge, in which Sale earned 40 metres from three successive rucks, and Moseley stopped them by conceding a penalty, which Lowdon kicked.

All the points came in the first half. Mosley were barely off the coach, when Lowdon kicked his first two penalties, and his third restored the lead after Metcalfe's penalty and Perry's dropped goal had levelled the score. The try came when Smith's diagonal kick established the position for a five-metre scrum, where Moseley heeled, wheeled, and finally drove over the line for Viney to dive in and score.

For much of the second half, Moseley absorbed pressure like a sponge, Metcalfe never faltering on the ground which he graced as a student. Had Sale possessed the wise old head of Steve Smith at scrum half, they might have won; it was not one of Fitton's better days, for he has not the physique to go battering away at opposing back rows. Sale might still have snatched it, if Phillips's drop kick in the last seconds had gone a few feet to the right.

SCORERS: Sale: Penalties, Lowdon (3). Moseley: Try, Viney. Penalty, Metcalfe. Drop goal, Perry–

SALE: S Lowdon; G Jenion, A Bond, P Stansfield, J Dyson; A Phillips, H Fitton; M Higgs, A Simpson, N Wheeler, S Tipping, T Broughton, I McKie, R Stevenson, A Lawson.

MOSELEY: J Goodwin; M Perry, G Viney; M Head, G Cox, P Gisbourne, D Warren, R Tuckwood, A Recardo, R Barr, J Beale.

Referee: G Crawford (London).

Trevor Ringland, the Ireland wing, is doubtful for the game against England at Twickenham on Saturday. He has a groin strain. A decision on his fitness will be made on Thursday.

Two players who have confirmed their availability for the game are Donal Lenihan of Ireland, and England's Peter Winterbottom.

Selectors cannot help smiling

By Bryan Stiles

Bath 13
Gloucester 6

Derek Morgan, the chairman of England's selectors, was in cheery mood after watching this surprisingly open confrontation, fought at breathtaking speed, between two of the better club sides in the land.

He was giving away little about what was in the selector's minds, as they prepared to pick the team to face Ireland, but he was obviously delighted at the way England's back row pair, Simpson and Hall, together with Spurrell, their captain, had out manoeuvred the opposition so regularly.

As a former England back row player of some repute himself, Morgan appreciated the finer points of their contribution to Bath's victory. "I never thought I would see a try scored like that against Gloucester," he said, after a move in which Simpson and Hall split the usually watertight Gloucester defence asunder, and created the opening for Trick to score the first of Bath's two tries. The mean Gloucester defence usually strangles such forays at birth.

The try provided a telling thrust to Bath's attacks, which invariably had a sharper edge than Gloucester's, and helped bring victory by a goal, a try and a penalty goal to two penalty goals.

If Bath's England men enhanced their reputations, then Gloucester's aspirants to international honours must have been a little despondent. Their flanker, Gadd, did not endear himself to the few impartial observers in this derby match, by indulging in some petty skulduggery in front of the stand on two occasions. Blakeway, Gloucester's hefty prop, currently out of favour with the selectors, brought plenty of power and soldity to a pack that has had better games. Teague, their lively number eight, was prominent early in the match, but faded from the scene in the later stages.

The only score in the first half came from a penalty goal by Palmer. Ten minutes into the second half, Trick ran beautifully to score a try, which Palmer converted. With Bath's confidence brimming over, Gaymond drove straight through the Gloucester pack from a tapped penalty. Palmer missed the conversion, and an easy penalty attempt, before Hamlin replied with two penalty goals.

SCORERS: Bath: Tries, Trick, Gaymond. Conversion, Palmer. Penalty goal, Palmer. Gloucester: Penalty goals, Hamlin (2).

BATH: C R Martin; D M Trick, J A Palmer, A Rees, B Trevaskis; J P Horton, R Hill; G Chilcott, R Cunningham, R Lee, R A Spurrell, N Gaymond, N Redman, J Hall, P Simpson.

GLOUCESTER: P Webb; D Morgan, R Mogg, P Taylor, N Price; M Hamlin, S Baker; G Sargeant, S Mills, P Blakeway, D Spencer, J Orwin, J Fidler, J Gadd, M Teague.



My ball: Orwin (Gloucester), Hall and Redman (Bath) and Fidler (Gloucester). (Photograph: Ian Stewart).

Bristol run ended by Davies

By Michael Titcomb

Bristol 16
Cardiff 23

Cardiff deservedly won a thrilling and never dull fixture on Saturday by two points, two tries and a penalty goal to two goals and one try, ending Bristol's sequence of 10 matches without defeat. Gareth Davies passed 300 points for the season and the old try-master for Bristol, Alan Morley, inched within two tries of the world club record.

The visitors were the first to settle, demonstrating all the skills of handling and passing at speed, backed by excellent support. Bristol's defence was sorely stretched throughout and, in attack, they were only fitfully positive.

Cardiff had not long to wait for their first score. A decisive break by Hadley, ably continued by Phillips, allowed Davies to dive in at the Bristol flag and then emphatically drive his conversion between the posts. They increased their lead with a penalty from Davies but Bristol responded with a try by Polledri following a determined run by Carr, converted from the touchline by Barnes. Minutes later Cardiff scored again, with a penalty try converted by Davies, after Harding was premature in diving into the back of the Cardiff scrum as they went for a pushover try.

Bristol reduced the arrears when Barnes, before the eyes of the England selector, John Finland, darted clear. He drew the Cardiff defence then moved the ball swiftly along the line where Morley looped outside of Williams, taking the pass at speed to score halfway out.

Ring increased Cardiff's lead with a try, converted by Davies, just before half-time and in the second half Hadley, for Cardiff, and Duggan who had replaced the injured Carr, exchanged tries.

SCORERS: Bristol: Tries, Polledri, Morley, Duggan. Conversions: Barnes, 2. Cardiff: Tries: Davies, Ring, Hadley. Conversions: Davies, 2 Penalty: Davies, Penalty try.

BRISTOL: P Carr, J Carr, (rep: H Duggan), A Morley, D Sorrell (rep: G Crane), G Williams, S Barnes, R Hardy, J Doubleday, D Palmer, A Sheppard, N Pomphrey, I Still, P Polledri, R Hesford, M Rafter.

CARDIFF: B McAloon, P Adan, M Ring, A Donovan, A Hadley, G Davies, S Cannon, J Whitefoot, A Phillips, I Eidman, K Edwards, R Norster, R Lakin, J Scott, T Crothers.

Referee: R Packer (North Midlands).

Wasps win the draw

By Iain Mackenzie

Gosforth 12
Wasps 12

Some spectators must have left the New Ground, Newcastle on Saturday quite bewildered that Wasps had won a drawn game.

The rules of the John Player Cup are such of course, that in the event of a draw the side scoring the greater number of tries is deemed the winner, and so the London side will now travel to Orrell on February 25 for a fourth round tie. In the north-east as elsewhere these days, rugby has become a kicking rather than a handling game; Gosforth failed to cross the line, Wasps succeeded once.

Wasps won, if that is the term, by a goal and two penalty goals to a drop goal and three penalty goals, and Gosforth were in no position to complain.

With 15 minutes gone, Gosforth had the put in at a lineout five metres from their line, and Jim Chappell tossed the ball high over the clawing hands of his own jumpers to Francis Emeruwa, who accepted the gift to score. Nick Stringer, the full back, converted.

David Johnson at outside half for Gosforth, lifted local morale with an excellently-placed drop goal.

Two more penalties from Johnson gave Gosforth a 9-6 lead at half-time.

But although handicapped by an injury to Huw Davies (he damaged a ligament but should be fit for England's match with Ireland next weekend), Wasps edged Gosforth back and Stringer kicked two penalty goals. With 10 minutes remaining, Johnson levelled the scores with his fourth successful kick but it was not quite enough.

SCORES: Gosforth: Dropped goal: Johnson. Penalty goals: Johnson (3). Wasps: Try: Emeruwa. Conversion: Stringer. Penalty goals: Stringer (2).

GOSFORTH: B Patrick; J Pollock, S Gustard, H Kelly, P Bradbury; D Johnson, T Cleghorn; C White, J Chappell, J Curry, S Bainbridge, M Richardson, S Edwards, R Anderson (capt), G Smallwood.

WASPS: N Stringer; S Smith, R Lozowski, R Cardus, P Kamara; H Davies, J Cullen; P Randell, A Simmons, A Isechel, J Hames, M Colclough, A Dunn (capt), F Emeruwa, K Moss.

Referee: A Iveson (Cumbria).

Fry's tries seal a fourth win

West Auckland 12
Auckland 17

Auckland were given the hardest game of their short European tour by West Hartlepool before recording their fourth successive victory. A fine first half performance by West Hartlepool saw them score the only try of the half to lead 6-3 at the interval.

Auckland had several chances in the first half but a combination of stout defence by West Hartlepool and missed penalty kicks by Fox, the stand-off half, restricted Auckland to three points. Cook scored West Hartlepool's try in the thirtieth minute and Boyd converted.

Auckland fought back in the second half with two tries by Fry, the full back, one of which was converted by Fox. The New Zealanders sealed their win late in the second half with the best try of the game. A move along the whole length of the left touchline ended with Kirwan scoring in the corner. West Hartlepool's other points were scored by Boyd (penalty) and Sigley (dropped goal).

SCORERS: West Hartlepool: Tries: Cook. Conversion: Boyd. Penalty: Boyd. Dropped goal: Sigley. Auckland: Tries: Fry (2), Kirwan. Conversion: Fox. Penalty: Fox.

WEST HARTLEPOOL: J Bland; A Mitchell, A Stacey, R Signley, S Smith; M Boyd, I Terson; G Cook, B Coyne, E Bell, C Bentley, D Mitchell, T Robinson, E Paxton, P Cook.

AUCKLAND: R Fry; T Tagaloa, J Collinson, M Mills, J Kirwan; G Fox, G McCurrach; R Williams, S Fitzpatrick, D Bevan, G Whetton, M Keenan, A Whetton, G Dickson, G Rich.

Referee: G Davies (Welsh RU).

WEEKEND RUGBY UNION RESULTS

JOHN PLAYER CUP: Third round

Gosforth	12	Wasps	12
Sale	9	Moseley	10

CLUB MATCHES

Bath	13	Gloucester	6
Birkenhead Pk	9	Halifax	20
Bradford & Bingley	17	St Helens	3
Bristol	16	Cardiff	23
Broughton Pk	24	Sheffield	6
Coventry	10	London Scottish	4
Durham	15	Otley	8
Fylde	7	Orrell	31
Glamorgan Wdrs	22	Ebbw Vale	3
Hartlepool Rovers	26	Huddersfield	10
Headingley	24	London Irish	17
Llanelli	20	Harlequins	9
London Welsh	18	Bridgend	8
Maesteg	22	Metro Police	0
Middlesbrough	35	Durham Univ	16
Newbridge	64	Exeter	14
New Brighton	04	Northern	10
Newport	15	Leicester	19
Nottingham	27	Pontypridd	3
Nuneaton	19	Abertillery	6
Oxford Univ	12	Australian Univ's	18
Plymouth Albion	26	Tredegar	7
Pontypool	33	Saracens	4
Penarth	6	S Glamorgan Inst	22
Richmond	29	Blackheath	12
Rosslyn Park	24	Cambridge Univ	8
Rugby	23	Manchester	3
Swansea	18	Neath	16
Torquay	18	Aberavon	16
Vale of Lune	7	Morley	21
Wakefield	9	Hull and E.R.	13
West Hartlepool	19	Harrogate	13
Wilmslow	27	Birmingham	6
Northampton	14	Cross Keys	7

SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION: Boroughmuir 19 Watsonians 10; Gala 8 Melrose 4; Heriot's F.P. 37 West of Scotland 9; Jed-Forest 0 Hawick 6; Kelso 21 Selkirk 7; Kilmarnock 20 Haddington 6.

NORTHERN: Chester 6, Stourbridge 16; Creighton 6, Keswick 10; Davenport 3, Wigan 20; Eccles 0, Sandbach 9; Furness 19, Southport 17; Heaton Moor 0, Lymm 7; Keighley 26, Wharfedale 3; Mold 50, Tyldesley 6; Moortown 21, Skipton 3; Oldham 22, Leigh 7; Rochdale 15, Ruthin 6; Roundhay 6, Stoke 34; Sandal 34, Leeds University 3; Sedgley Park 15, Warrington 20; Tynedale 13, Preston Grasshoppers 25; Waterloo 51, Wrexham 6.

Bass Merit table: Exeter University 32, Penryn 7; Devonport Services 26, St Ives 13.
Devon Merit table: Bideford 13, Crediton 9; Newton Abbot 3, Tiverton 12, Okehampton 12, Devon and Cornwall Police 20.
Cornwall Merit Table: Penzance-Newlyn 3, Redruth 22, Camborne 22, Hayle 9.
CLUB MATCHES: St Austell 6, Avon and Somerset Police 17; Newquay 11, Helston 15; Barnstaple 7, Brixham 22; Truro 12, Exmouth 15; Sidmouth 19, Wiveliscombe 7; Morganians 10, Combe Down 23.

EASTERN COUNTIES MERIT TABLE: Old Cantabrigians 12, Sudbury 28.
SOUTHERN MERIT TABLE: Bournemouth 19, Newbury 9; Staines 9, Trojans 25.
KENT MERIT TABLE: Gillingham Anchorians 6, Medway 0; Tonbridge 7, Bromley 9.
E.A.S.T. NORFOLK LEAGUE: Holt 29, Lowestoft & Yarmouth 0; Thetford 8, West Norfolk 12.
SUSSEX MERIT TABLE: Crawley 8, East Grinstead 18.
OB MERIT TABLE: Old Alleyians 24, Old Haberdashers 0; Old Cranleighans 7, Old Millhillians 9; Old Emanuel 30, Old Reedonians 0; Old Guildfordians 74, Old Windsorians 7; Old Hamptonians 6, St Nicholas OB 13; OMT 3, Old Dunstonians 0; Old Surbitonians 10, Old Wimbledonians 21; Orleans FP 13, Old Abbotsonians 0.

Yesterday

Club match: West Hartlepool 12, Auckland 17.

Champions sail close to wind

Gala and Hawick respectively present Scottish champions and this season's championship favourites, both came uncomfortably close to defeat against lowly opposition on Saturday (Ian Mackenzie writes). Gala edged past Melrose, strong candidates for relegation, 8-4. Hawick were able to muster only two penalty goals against Jed-Forest for a 6-0 victory.

There was some excuse for the champions at Netherdale. Ken Lawrie, their captain and hooker, cracked a rib during the first scrum and because of the no replacements rule. Gala played the rest of the match with 14 men.

RACING: BREGAWN DROPPED FROM GOLD CUP BETTING

Dickinson stars under a cloud

By Michael Seely

Despite Wayward Lad's fine performance against Brown Chamberlin in the Compton Chase at Newbury on Saturday, a question mark now hangs over the well being of Michael Dickinson's powerful team.

The rot started by the defeat of The Might Mac by Ragafan in the Game Spirit Chase only stopped with the victory of Badsworth Boy in the Vulmidas Trophy at Ayr. In all the champion trainer had a total of four favourites beaten during the afternoon.

Bregawn's running in the Mercedes-Benz Chase on the Scottish track came as a bitter disappointment. The hero of the 1983 Cheltenham Gold Cup was never jumping or galloping with his normal zest and finished a remote third behind Beamwam. "That was the most depressing aftrernoon of my career," said the trainer yesterday. "There's no point in making any plans at present, until we find out what's wrong.

"I knew we had some sort of virus after Silver Buck had run so badly against Burrough Hill Lad at Sandown," Dickinson said. The trouble is that the older horses don't seem to show any signs of it beforehand. They eat up and work all right and their blood count tests are satisfactory."

The words uttered by Dickinson after saddling his famous first five home in last March's Gold Cup now appear prophetic. "If people only knew how much luck and hard work was involved in getting them to the start in one piece," was his comment in his hour of triumph. Now Wayward Lad is the only certain starter with the big race still over a month away.

The Compton Chase was a marvellous race to watch. John Francome made every yard of the running on Brown Chamberlin, who is now undefeated in eight visits to his local course.

The moment of truth arrived when Robert Earnshaw launched Wayward Lad's attack at the third fence from home. Brown Chamberlin swished his tail for a few strides as he first came under pressure, but the odds-on favourite continued to battle away gamely and had three lengths to spare at the line. Neither horse will be seen in action again before Cheltenham.

The fact that Wayward Lad was attempting to concede 1lb to his rival is reflected in the lastest ante-post betting on the Gold Cup. Most bookmakers make Wayward Lad their favourite at 9-4 and then go 11-4 Burrough Hill Lad. The majority of firms have deleted Bregawn from their lists but Ladbrokes have him as their third favourite at 6-1. Brown Chamberlin's price varies between 6-1 and 9-1.

Jenny Pitman said yesterday that Burrough Hill Lad would have his Cheltenham preliminary either at Nottingham on Saturday or in the Jim Ford Challenge Cup at Wincanton on Thursday week.

On the Champion Hurdle front Gaye Brief is now a 6-4 on chance to repeat last year's victory after the rout of some of his fancied rivals by Ra Nova in the Schweppes Gold Trophy.

Never has the British racing world been more gallant in defeat than it was after the total eclipse of all the market leaders in the Schweppes, the heaviest gambling race of the National Hunt season. Even the ranks of the tottering punters could scarce forbear to join in the applause for Nan Kennedy as a group of Lambourn trainers called for three cheers for the 72-year-old heroine of the hour.

Ra Nova was bought out of John Jenkins's stable last July and the normally astute Horsham trainer considered the gelding to be too small to go chasing and also to be too high in the handicap.

Mrs Kennedy said: "Peter Travers-Clark told me that he wanted to win the Free Handicap at Chepstow and the Schweppes. Now the owner is quite keen to go to Ireland next Saturday. But I'd rather keep him in reserve for the championship."

Very Promsing and Admiral's Cup, the first and second favourites, confounded their supporters by fighting out a dismal battle for last place.



Ra Nova receives a congratulatory pat from his young rider Patrick Farrell after their Schweppes triumph

Venture To Cognac can qualify in style

Venture To Cognac can earn the right to take part in the Foxhunters Chase at the National Hunt Festival by winning the Lancer's Challenge Cup at Nottingham this afternoon (Michael Seely writes). To qualify for Cheltenham, Venture To Cognac needs to finish first or second in this hunters chase. At the weights, Fred Winter's 11-year-old should be too good for Spartan Missile and Lakin.

The winner of the 1979 Sun Alliance Hurdle, Venture To Cognac has always been on the fringe of top class. But his carreer has been plagued by training troubles and he has never quite fulfilled his early promise. Last season his best performance was to finish third to Ashley House in the Peter Marsh Chase At Haydock. On his reappearance at Windsor earlier in the month, Venture To Cognac tried to make all the running but jumped badly to the left at the third fence from home and was beaten by Further Thought.

Spartan Missile, runner-up to Aldaniti in the 1981 Grand National and disappointing behind Corbiere in the world's greatest steeplechase last year, is also attempting a comeback. "We'll have to see how he gets on," Nick Henderson, his trainer, said. "Only if Spartan Missile finds his old form and seems to be enjoying himself, will we let him go to Aintree again."

Lakin ran well when runner-up to Henry Bishop at Sandown and Mrs Tony Villar's rising young hunter looks the main danger

Mick Easterby, who saddled three winners at Catterick on Saturday, can win the second division of the Bendigo Novices' Hurdle with Crammond Brig while the Haig Whisky qualifier, may go to Tepylon, another Yorkshire raider.

Ballincurra Lad dope tested

The Embassy Premier Chase winner, Ballincurra Lad, trailed in last of the six finishers behind the 20-1 winner Master Vincents in the first running of the TW Dreaper Memorial Novice Chase at Fairyhouse on Saturday, our Irish Racing Correspondent writes.

The favourite was given a routine dope test immediately afterwards but late in the afternoon had become so distressed that he stayed overnight at the racecourse stables. However yesterday morning he was back on his feet and eating up normally.

Master Vincents will run in the Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham but he was certainly a lucky winner on this occasion as Harveystown looked to have his measure when falling at the final fence.

Nottingham

GOING: good

1.30 KINGSTON CHASE (novice handicap: £1,422: 2m) (17 runners)

3 1F2F GRAND HARMONY Mrs M Rimell 7-11-8 ...... S Morshead
8 02-00 FLYING MISTRESS J Webber 8-11-2 ...... Mr G Mernagh
9 4104 SHOW BUSINESS J Webber 7-11-1 ...... G McCourt
10 3-111 BOLD DEALER Mrs C Reavey 7-11-0 ...... S McNeil
11 P000- BALLY TASK D Haydn Jones 8-11-0 ...... –
12 610P NORTHERN MAN (D) R Fisher 7-11-0 ...... S Quinn 7
13 0F30 ADEQUATE N Henderson 7-10-13 ...... H Davies
15 340P ANOINTED (D) P Bevan 8-10-13 ...... S O'Neill
16 231F THE SURVEYOR R Hollinshead 8-10-11 ...... J Francome
17 2F00 WEALTHY M Scudamore 8-10-10 ...... Mr M Low 4
18 00P0 DAY AFTER S Mellor 6-10-10 ...... G Charles-Jones 7
21 3344 TOM TAILOR R Armytage 7-10-7 ...... A Webber
22 0-030 DERWENT KING Mrs J Croft 7-10-7 ...... R Dickin
23 0402 POSTDYNE W Mann 9-10-7 ...... R Mann
25 03FP B JASKI G Thorner 5-10-7 ...... R Kington
26 PFP0 SMART GUARD H Ford 7-10-7 ...... R Crank
30 0U/00 NOBLEU F Coton 7-10-7 ...... J A Harris

15-8 Grand Harmony, 7-2 The Surveyor, 5 Bold Dealer, 13-2 Show Business, Adequate, 12 Anointed, Tom Tailor, 16 others.

2.0 HAIG WHISKY HURDLE (novices: £1,766: 2m) (24)

2 1204 DESTINY BAY (BF) N Henderson 6-11-10 ...... H Davies
3 021 ANOTHER PAL (D) D Nicholson 5-11-5 ...... P Scudamore
4 0132 ARTIST'S DESIGN Mrs M Rimell 5-11-5 ...... S Morshead
6 10 ROUSPETER (D) D Nicholson 7-11-5 ...... N Madden
7 041 STEARSBY (D) M W Easterby 5-11-5 ...... P Tuck
8 0-1F2 TEPYLON (D) M Lambert 5-11-5 ...... P Charlton
9 0008 AERIALIST Mrs T Pilkington 6-11-0 ...... Mr A Wilson
11 0-0P0 ARCHERS PRINCE C James 6-11-0 ...... G McCourt
14 BARGILL F Winter 5-11-0 ...... J Francome
15 20 BLACK SHEEP I Dudgeon 7-11-0 ...... Steve Knight
16 0P-0 BLUE TARQUIN J FitzGerald 5-11-0 ...... R O'Leary
17 00 CAPE FLATTERY R Hartop 5-11-0 ...... J Barlow
18 P- COLLAROY J Leigh 6-11-0 ...... P Blackburn 7
19 0-040 COMMANDER GERRICK R Hollinshead 6-11-0 ...... M Dwyer
21 CROFTDALE W Mann 5-11-0 ...... R Mann
22 P340 DAVID GOLIATH M H Easterby 5-11-0 ...... D Dutton
27 0 FUDGE DELIGHT O Brennan 6-11-0 ...... M Brennan
28 P030 JAYESS Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0 ...... Mr M Pitman 7
32 4 JUST ALICK M H Easterby 5-11-0 ...... A Brown
33 MOLVEDOSTAR J Smith 5-11-0 ...... T Wall
34 2 MUSIC BE MAGIC G Richards 5-11-0 ...... N Doughty
36 062 PROUD AND POOR M W Easterby 5-11-0 ...... A Dickman
41 SECRET HOUSE C Thornton 5-11-0 ...... D Wilkinson
45 2-320 ELLEN GREAVES R Fisher 6-10-9 ...... J Duggan 5

11-4 Artist's Design, 4 Tepylon, 9-2 Destiny Bay, 6 Stearsby, 8 Another Pal, Music Be Magic, 12 Bargill, 14 others.

2.30 SHEFFIELD HURDLE (handicap: £2,234: 2m 6f) (19)

1 0-22P IRISH GLORA (D)(BF) G Thorner 8-12-0 ...... R Kington
2 1044 QUEEN'S RIDE (CD) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-11 ...... Mr M Pitman 7
5 0-000 PRINCE OF BERMUDA R Hartop 9-11-1 ...... J Barlow
6 2P2-F FRENCH LORD G Richards 6-11-0 ...... N Doughty
7 221-0 BURN NOOKA (B) R Fisher 7-11-0 ...... J Duggan 7
8 0120 ARCTIC MENELEK (CD)(B) J FitzGerald 9-10-13 ...... M Dwyer
9 2-124 RUFUS T FIREFLY N Henderson 6-10-13 ...... J Francome
11 1220 SHOEMENDER (D) F Watson 7-10-12 ...... C Grant
13 000P MISS WILLIE Mrs T Pilkington 8-10-9 ...... Mr A J Wilson
14 3100- NOT A BOTHER J Twibell 7-10-9 ...... M Brennan
15 3-P02 SQUIRES CLOSE N Crump 8-10-9 ...... C Hawkins
18 3020 DRINK DEEP W Wharton 6-10-5 ...... S O'Neill
19 31-00 BOIS ROUGE Mrs W Sykes 7-10-5 ...... S Morshead
20 2312 SECRET FINALE M Lambert 5-10-4 ...... P Charlton
24 100-P SUDBROOKE PARK N Crump 6-10-0 ...... D Wilkinson
30 0033 KING OF STRESS W Hardy 6-10-0 ...... J A Harris
32 230-0 ABALIGHT Mrs M Thomas 6-10-0 ...... C Mann 4
34 0006/ MENDELITA R Stubbs 8-10-0 ...... P Tuck
35 00-00 BENTLEY SPRINGS S Norton 8-10-0 ...... M Pepper 4

100-30 Rufus T Firefly, 9-2 Burn Nooka, 11-2 Squire's Close, 6 Queen's Ride, 8 Irish Glora, Arctic Menelek, 10 French Lord, 14 Drink Deep, Secret Finale, 16 others.

3.0 GOTHAM CHASE (handicap: £1,618: 2m) (8)

1 021F MIDNIGHT SONG (D) T Forster 9-11-10 ...... H Davies
2 0-3F0 CAPVISTA (D) J Spearing 9-11-10 ...... P Warner
3 2-101 PERCIPIENT (CD) G Richards 10-11-9 ...... N Doughty
4 2U11 STOWELL GROVE (D) D Nicholson 7-11-7 ...... P Scudamore
6 1P4F- ST TORBAY (D) W Ransom 11-11-2 ...... P Tuck
7 1128/ THE GO-BOY Mrs W Sykes 10-11-2 ...... S Morshead
10 020P PEA-COCK-ADE C Miller 8-10-5 ...... A Webber
11 P0U0 HIGHLAND LINNET H Ford 7-10-0 ...... R Crank

6-4 Stowell Grove, 5-2 Midnight Song, 6 Percipient, 15-2 Capvista, 14 St Torbay, 16 others.

3.30 17-21st LANCERS HUNTER CHASE (amateurs: £1,119: 3m) (15)

2 /21U- SPARTAN MISSILE (D) N Henderson 12-12-10 ...... Mrs J Sloan 7
3 22FU FLAMENCO DANCER (CD) R Perkins 10-12-5 ...... G Wragg 7
5 00P-1 RAMBLING BUCK (D) E Owen Jun 10-12-5 ...... J Griffith 7
6 F3FP- RUGY (D) R Weaving 8-12-5 ...... Miss C Saunders 7
7 F1FF- SEALED J Wilson 9-12-5 ...... J Wilson 7
8 /14P- THE DRUNKEN DUCK B Munro-Wilson 11-12-5 ...... B Munro-Wilson
10 P04R- ARTISTIC PRINCE Mrs J Pitman 13-12-0 ...... M Pitman
11 P4PP AVONCORE (D) F Baxter 12-12-0 ...... D Williams
14 /402- CHORAL FESTIVAL M Low 13-12-0 ...... M Low 4
15 20F-2 LAKIN Mrs A Villar 7-12-0 ...... S Sherwood
16 1211/ MIDNIGHT COURT (D) F Winter 13-12-0 ...... –
18 4-B PEACE CLASH W A Stephenson 7-12-0 ...... J Greenall 7
20 430-2 VENTURE TO COGNAC (D)(BF) F Winter 11-12-0 ...... O Sherwood
21 WHITE PAPER J Webber 12-12-0 ...... Miss T Webber
22 30F4- ROYAL CLASSIC R Savery 7-11-9 ...... Miss A Dare 7

9-4 Venture To Cognac, 11-4 Lakin, 7-2 Spartan Missile, 13-2 The Drunken Duck, 10 Midnight Court, Rambling Buck, 16 Flamenco Dancer, 20 others.

4.0 BENDIGO HURDLE (mares: novices: £601: 2m 6f) (18)

1 141 BOOLY BAY B Chinn 7-11-12 ...... J Goodwin 4
2 1404 CRAMMOND BRIG M W Easterby 7-11-12 ...... P Tuck
3 0120 DERRY ISLAND G Lockerbie 8-11-12 ...... C Hawkins
5 034 BALLYCLORAN LASS Mrs S Davenport 6-11-5 ...... H Davies
7 04P/0 BERYL'S GIFT Mrs N Macauley 7-11-5 ...... S O'Neill
8 000 DEL MAR R Brazington 5-11-5 ...... C Jones
11 P-00 JENNY'S SECRET A Madwar 6-11-5 ...... I Williams 7
12 3002 LAURELLO R Chugg 7-11-5 ...... J Burke
13 4-F40 LINPAC GOLD S Bridge 5-11-5 ...... W Morris 4
16 0F00 MAINSFORTH QUEEN W A Stephenson 7-11-5 ...... –
18 MORNING SPRITE B Preece 8-11-5 ...... P Dever 4
19 800-0 MOUNT ST MARY'S M Camacho 5-11-5 ...... –
21 0P ROSANOL Mrs A Hewitt 5-11-5 ...... P Barry
22 PP00 SDENKA PRINCESS Mrs R Lomax 6-11-5 ...... A Carroll
24 0/F-F THREE SWALLOWS Mrs P Cosgrave 6-11-5 ...... J Suthern
25 6002 TIC-ON-ROSE Mrs B Waring 7-11-5 ...... John Williams
28 0-PPP WELSH VALLEY (B) Mrs J Barrow 8-11-5 ...... M Caswell 7
32 MADAM CHOU C Bridgett 4-10-7 ...... Mr C Bridgett

11-8 Derry Island, 3 Crammond Brig, 9-2 Booly Bay, 13-2 Ballycloran Lass, 12 Laurello, 14 others.

Nottingham selections

1.30 The Surveyor, 2.0 Tepylon, 2.30 Rufus T Firefly, 3.0 Stowell Grove, 3.30 Venture to Cognac, 4.0 Crammond Brig.

Plumpton

GOING: Soft

1.45 SHEFFIELD PARK HURDLE (Div I: novices: £548: 2m) (15 runners)

1 0-211 CHURCHES GREEN (CD) S Mellor 5-11-11 ...... M Perrett
3 6000 BREEZE HILL (B) A Moore 5-11-1 ...... G Moore
4 4320 EUROLINK BOY (B) A Moore 5-11-1 ...... –
5 00 JOHN FEATHER D Oughton 5-11-1 ...... P Double
6 0 RAPID SHOOTER J Gifford 6-11-1 ...... Peter Hobbs 4
7 1030 LUCKY KNIGHT B Swift 4-10-0 ...... R Campbell 4
9 009 BAHRAIN PEARLS W Geust 4-10-5 ...... M Bowlby 7
10 0230 LYMINSTER J Jenkins 4-10-5 ...... S Smith Eccles
11 00 MARTIAL COMMANDER C Reed 4-10-5 ...... J Hughes 4
12 0 ONESSILOS M Masson 4-10-5 ...... R Goldstein
13 0 WALHAN P Mitchell 4-10-5 ...... R G Hughes
14 10 WATER DRAGON E Witts 4-10-5 ...... C Mann 4
15 pp0 WINTER SPORT M Usher 4-10-5 ...... M Bastard
16 p0 YUKON LAD A Taylor 4-10-5 ...... A Taylor
17 100 ACADIE M Ryan 4-10-0 ...... J McLaughlin 4

2 Churches Green, 5 Eurolink Boy, Lucky Knight, 8 Lyminster, 10 Acadie, John Feather, 14 Rapid Shooter, 20 others.

2.15 HASSOCKS CHASE (novices: £1,787: 2m 3f 90yds) (16)

1 3211 BEN SPARTAN N Henderson 11-11-8 ...... S Smith Eccles
2 4411 MOSSY MOORE (CD) B Chinn 8-11-8 ...... –
4 0890 ROADWAY P W Harris 8-11-8 ...... K Mooney
6 pp-00 CHANCE IT T Forster 9-11-3 ...... –
7 32-04 COOL GIN A Taylor 7-11-3 ...... Mr A Taylor
8 0342 CROSS MASTER T Bill 7-11-3 ...... M G Williams 7
9 0-04p EASY FELLA R Armytage 10-11-3 ...... M Perrett
10 p-pu ENGLISH KING H O'Neill 7-11-3 ...... G Newman
13 p04-0 JOSMOLL C Mackenzie 7-11-3 ...... M Bastard
15 3-100 MIGHTY GENERAL J Gifford 6-11-3 ...... Mr G Sloane
16 0pp0 OPENING NIGHT (B) C White 10-11-3 ...... J H Davies 4
19 6030 UISNEACH HILL J Davies 7-11-3 ...... Mr A Jones 7
21 p0-fp WHISPERING PINE J Parvert 7-11-3 ...... M Bastard
22 00-p0 CLASSIC ROCK P Tory 7-10-12 ...... Mr E Whettam
23 009 HYDROGEN Miss L Bower 7-10-12 ...... M Kinane
25 6-000 SEYMOUR LADY J Jenkins 6-10-12 ...... R Goldstein

3 Mossy Moore, 4 Roadway, 5 Chance It, Cross Master, 6 Ben Spartan, 10 Mighty General, 14 Cool Gin, 20 others.

2.45 FLYWAY HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,304: 3m 1f) (9)

2 1f0-0 LORD DAWSON (CD) D White 10-12-7 ...... G Upton 7
3 2p1- MARK'S METHANE Mrs A Campbell 10-12-4 ...... R Hacking 4
4 31p-3 LOYAL PARTNER T Clay 10-12-4 ...... S Andrews 7
5 3/4-0 SIOBHAN'S JOY (B) Mrs C Janaway 9-12-4 ...... G Maundrell
7 20/2- HARWELL ABBEY R Armytage 13-12-0 ...... G Armytage 7
10 u042- WELLANDS COPSE C Nash 11-12-0 ...... R Dunwoody 7
12 u/p- DAINTY DOLLY C Martin 9-11-2 ...... C Martin 7
13 6p00/ NORMA CAN E Knight 10-11-2 ...... Mrs C Elliott 7
14 0303 POLLY MAJOR M Bolton 8-11-2 ...... T Grantham 7

11-8 Loyal Partner, 3 Lord Dawson, 9-2 Harwell Abbey, 10 Mark's Methane, Siobhan's Joy, Wellands Copse, 16 others.

3.15 COWFOLD HURDLE (selling handicap: conditional jockeys: £714: 2m) (14)

1 0201 LAURA'S PRIDE (CD) J Jenkins 7-12 3 (6 ex) H Jenkins
3 1600 LITTLE LONDON M Smith 5-11-4 ...... P Corrigan
4 e2p0 THE VINEGAR MAN J Fox 12-11-1 ...... Martine O'Brien
5 2-00 MAIDA VALE S Woodman 5-10-13 ...... N Fearn
6 p-p00 HANG LOOSE COUSIN H Beasley 7-10-13 ...... –
8 0000 EPRYANA (B) M Madgwick 4-10-11 ...... G Madgwick
9 6000 RAVENSBOURNE (D) P Oliver 11-10-11 ...... S Lovejoy
10 06pp HULDA (B) J Jenkins 9-10-10 ...... D Morris
11 000 BAY FELLA J O'Donoghue ...... A Wright
12 003 MR MISCHIEF C Wildman 6-10-7 ...... W Knox
14 6006 LADYSWOOD (D) D Nicholson 7-10-4 ...... W Hayes
15 002 PRINCE LEONARDO (B) T M Jones 4-10-2 ...... E Murphy
17 fpfp QUALIFICATION (B) P Burgoyne 9-10-0 ...... P Croucher
18 p GRECIAN ALPHA P Oliver 11-10-0 ...... D China

5-2 Laura's Pride, 3 Mr Mischief, 5 Prince Leonardo, The Vinegar Man, 10 Maida Vale, 14 Little London, Ravensbourne, 20 others.

3.45 SCOTTS RESTAURANT CHASE (Handicap: £2,040: 3m 1f) (6)

1 f31-1 COMBE HILL N Henderson 7-11-13 ...... P Croucher
6 0300 MAJOR TOM Miss L Bower 7-11-1 ...... M Kinane
7 2p21 SAUNDERS (CD) (B) T Clay 10-10-10 (5 ex) ...... G Moore
9 2442 WILLIAMSON (D) (B) E Witts 10-10-4 ...... C Mann 4
10 4-p4p SERVILIA (CD) D Browning 8-10-2 ...... J Akehurst 4
11 p0f-4 SWIFT KING D Grieg 9-10-10 ...... G Newman

11-8 Combe Hill, 9-4 Williamson, 9-2 Saunders, 8 Major Tom, 10 Swift King, 25 Servilia.

4.15 SHEFFIELD PARK HURDLE (Div II: novices: £548: 2m) (13)

4 0-000 CAWARRA LAD C James 5-11-1 ...... –
7 00 OUR BIRTHDAY C Benstead 6-11-1 ...... R G Hughes
8 202 SEABATTLE J Gifford 5-11-1 ...... Peter Hobbs 4
10 03 WINART J Clark 6-11-1 ...... A Webb
11 0411 AQABA PRINCE (D) R Howe 4-10-10 ...... –
12 0016 HENRY GEARY STEELS (CD) (BF) R Champion 4-10-10 P Double
13 0201 NYPUS (D) Rex Carter 4-10-10 ...... J McLaughlin 4
14 0201 SHENTON WAY (D) J Jenkins 4-10-10 ...... R Hyatt
16 00 ALMA-CANDY P Haynes 4-10-5 ...... J Lovejoy 4
20 0 PRINCE FELIX D Browning 4-10-5 ...... J Akehurst 4
21 QUEENSBURY JOE D Dale 4-10-5 ...... S Smith Eccles
22 0 LEDA GROVE P Oliver 4-10-0 ...... J Cox
24 02 MISS MALINOWSKI W Guest 4-10-0 ...... M Bowlby 7

2 Shenton Way, 11-4 Miss Malinowski, 9-2 Seabattle, 6 Henry Geary Steels, Winart, 10 Aqaba Prince, 16 Nypus, 25 others.

Plumpton selections

1.45 Acadie, 2.15 Cross Master, 2.45 Loyal Partner, 3.15 Laura's Pride, 3.45 Combe Hill, 4.15 Shenton Way.

Saturday's results

Newbury

1 30 1, Afzal (20-1); 2, Oula Owl (20-1); 3, Dodgy Future (5-5 fav). 12 ran.
2.0 1, Ragafan (6-1); 2, The Mighty Mac (4-6 fav); 3, Little Bay (9-4). 5 ran.
2.40 1, Ra Nova (16-1); 2, Stans Pride (33-1); 3, Hill's Guard (66-1); 4, Jade and Diamond (66-1). Very Promising 6-1 fav. 26 ran. NR: Davadale.
3.15 1, Brown Chamberlin (4-6 fav); 2, Wayward Lad (5-4). 2 ran. NR: Ashley House, Cavity Hunter.
3.45 1, Connaught Ranger (5-4 jt-fav); 2, All Right Jack (10-1); 3, Tiepolino (5-4 jt-fav). 8 ran. NR: Praykida.
4.15 1, Gallant Buck (11-1); 2, Everseal (5-4 fav); 3, Nalen (5-1). 12 ran.

Ayr

1.45 1, Blackfeet (17-2); 2, Samoresumthing (4-6 fav); 3, Pacific Splendour (16-1). 5 ran.
2.15 1, Compactor (9-1); 2, Run Over (10-1); 3, Vanolo (9-1); 4, Topleigh (6-1). Colonel Rose (5-1 fav). 16 ran.
2.50 1, Beamwam (9-1); 2, Midnight Love (5-1); 3, Bregawn (4-9 fav). 5 ran.
3.20 1, Badsworth Boy (1-3 fav); 2, Balcrag (5-1); 3, Veiled Cay (9-2). 3 ran.
3.50 1, L O Broadway (11-2); 2, Camden (12-1); 3, Selborne Record (8-1). Miss Love 4-1 fav. 9 ran.
4.20 1, Run Leah Run (4-1); 2, Run A Mile (14-1); 3, Jockeimbel (4-1). Antony Joe 5-4 fav. 18 ran. NR: Roman Manner.

Catterick

1.30: 1, Sweet Colleen (11-10 fav); 2, Linen Thread (7-1); 3, Maggies Girl (20-1). 21 ran.
2.0: 1, Holly Buoy (9-1); 2, No Easy (13-2); 3, My Habat (8-1). Summerland 5-2 fav. 19 ran.
2.30: 1, Honourable Man (10-1); 2, Sam Wrekin (25-1); 3, Little Frenchman (100-30). Ashley House 11-8 fav. 11 ran.
3.0: 1, Early Bdg (6-4); 2, Urser (8-1); 3, John Bunyan (11-8 fav). 21 ran.
3.30: 1, Mick's Ritual (7-2); 2, Rag Dancer (7-4 fav); 3, Grange Minstrel (33-1). 13 ran. NR: Western Man.
4.0: 1, B and K Emperor (100-30); 2, Orp Baltic (7-2); 3, Miguel Clement (11-1). Thelma's Secret 9-4 fav. 14 ran.
4.30: 1, Keranomore (3-1 fav); 2, Jupiter Express (7-2); 3, Pittencrieff (10-1); 4, High Poppa (20-1). 21 ran. NR: Seamol.

Point-to-point

Cambridge Harriers: Hunt, Clinch It (5-4 fav); Adj, King's Wager (20-1); Op I, Glengiven (7-1); L Op, Royal Dust (8-1); Op II, Cheskio Ora (2-5 fav); R Op I, Cool Secret (3-1); R Op II, Morgan (4-1); Mdn I, Brockhurst Lad (4-1); Mdn II, General Factotum (3-1).
Oxford University: Hunt, Barbara's Bunny (9-2); Op I, The Vintner (8-1); L Op, Random Leg (1-3 fav); Adj I, Britway (5-4 fav); Op II, Lay The Trump (8-1); Adj II, French Pascock (1-2 fav); Past & Present, Pardalesa (2-5 fav).

Leaders over jumps

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	£1 level stake
F Winter	54	38	26	0	+16.00
M Dickinson	52	21	7	0	–5.00
J Gifford	43	43	38	8	–54.45
J Jenkins	40	28	20	8	–66.60
W A Stephenson	37	29	31	1	–38.72
G Richards	35	27	24	38	–25.52
D Nicholson	34	30	33	1	–41.00
N Henderson	30	26	10	1	–1.58
C H Bell	29	28	27	0	–95.62
L Kennard	27	17	12	10	–26.17
Mrs M Rimell	25	33	22	6	–44.32
Denys Smith	24	17	21	1	–38.35

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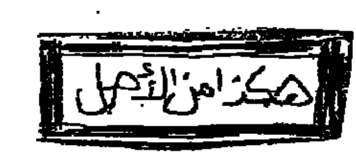
	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	£1 level stake
J Francome	82	59	38	1	–31.97
J O'Neill	82	70	54	2	–78.78
P Scudamore	69	56	48	6	–102.70
H Davies	57	38	42	6	+4.64
S Smith Eccles	50	50	43	11	–43.16
R Rowe	45	34	24	13	+45.89
S Morshead	36	48	31	5	–57.16
A Webber	35	39	35	31	+19.65
N Doughty	33	28	34	23	–53.48
P Tuck	33	31	26	1	–102.70
G Bradley	31	18	14	0	–37.37
C Brown	29	18	21	5	–57.76

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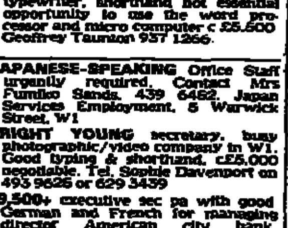
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WHERE The University of London Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London, in The Jeffery Hall.

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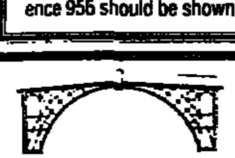
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Ironbridge Gorge Museum

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For further details and application forms, returnable by 16 March 1984, please write to Mr E Thomas, CBE, DL, LLB, LMRTPI, The Honorary Secretary, Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust, The Wharfage, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire TF8 7AW

The Times guide to career choice

A need that speaks for itself

Joan Llewelyn Owens concludes her series on health service careers with a look at speech and occupational therapy

If you lose your larynx – your voice box – as a result of surgery for cancer, you have to make a pseudo voice, an oesophageal voice; the person who helps you to do this is a speech therapist.

At a leading cancer hospital Mrs Anne Christopherson told me of two men who had this operation in their fifties. One underwent extensive neck surgery as well as losing his larynx, and both wanted to return to lecturing jobs. The recovery period was prolonged, but both went back to their work and could answer the telephone.

"A really good oesophageal voice", says Mrs Christopherson, "sounds like a normal voice with laryngitis."

After a patient's referral by a doctor, the speech therapist assesses and treats all kinds of speech disorders, involving difficulties with articulation; language, in which the use and understanding of the spoken and written word may be impaired; voice, which may affect the audibility and effectiveness of communication and can include complete loss of voice and fluency, including stammering. She – for there are not yet many men in the profession – is not an elocutionist.

Mrs Christopherson explains that if you take an "extended family" you can find members in it from the cradle to the armchair who may in the course of their life need help with their speech.

A young child may not develop speech when normally expected to do so, or may have been born with cleft palate or Down's Syndrome. As a child grows physically and emotionally, he or she needs speech therapy for a stammer or lisp (with orthodontic treatment in the latter case). Then you come to the young man who crashes his motor bike, sustains brain damage and requires speech therapy as well as other forms of rehabilitaion. Among adults you find people suffering from cancers of throat, tongue or jaw, injuries of all kinds, and strokes. Then, with senile dementia, you have communication problems.

Speech therapists can also help with the mentally handicapped and in cases of psychiatric illness, when they work with a psychiatrist. "This type of illness", says Mrs Christopherson, "often gives rise to a communication problem, as may autism in children."

Speech therapists can to a great extent choose the age group they want to work with. Mrs Christopherson worked in a children's hospital when she was first qualified. There she was able to assist a 12-year-old girl who had started to lisp after her teeth had grown in. Her mother wanted to get this sorted out before she was much older but did not want her to miss school. So an attempt was made to cure the lisp during the six week's summer holiday, and the treatment was successful.

Results were slower in the case of some severely subnormal boys with whom she worked, but equally satisfying. "Some had the most appalling communication problems, and the aim was to help them to get some kind of emotional expression, apart from communicating their needs." If denied any kind of expression, they became frustrated and maladjusted.

One little boy had such weak muscles that he could not vocalize, and when encouraged to growl like a tiger in a picture book, could only breathe heavily. He had almost given up the effort to communicate when the breakthrough came. He drew a picture with wavy lines and pointed to the therapist's hair.

All this time Mrs Christopherson was working closely with those who cared for the child. Speech therapists, all graduates now, do not work in isolation. They are part of a multidisciplinary team, of doctors, nurses, remedial and educational professions, and social workers.

Speech Therapy as a Career can be obtained from The College of Speech Therapists, Harold Poster House, 6 Lechmure Road London, NW2 5BU.

An absorbing occupation

For years occupational therapists have been trying to persuade the public that they are not "craft people" who keep bored hospital patients occupied with tapestry kits and basketry. Their real aim is to help a patient, who may be suffering from *mental or physical illness or injury*, recovering from surgery, or permanently disabled, to be as independent as possible.

Before treatment, the occupational therapist does an assessment, taking into consideration not only the extent *of a person's disability, but the* environment to which he or she has to return.

For example, industrial workers are assessed in a workshop to find out if they can manage to stand for long periods, or handle tools with accuracy. They are prescribed activities which will help to build up their muscle power, and increase the range of joint movement.

The therapist may take an elderly person home, show the family what she can do for herself, explain how they can help her to remain active, and if necessary supply aids to simplify such tasks as putting on stockings or opening tins.

Paediatric occupational therapists deal with a wide range of conditions, such as spina bifida, arthritis, head or other injuries, and specific learning difficulties.

The patient is looked at as a whole, explains Stephanie Correia, district occupational therapist for the Lewisham and North Southwark Health District. "Patients who have had strokes, for instance, have both physical and psychological problems, and we treat both. As well as rehabilitation to regain strength in any limbs that have been affected, they need to have their confidence and self-esteem built up."

She stresses how important it is for those considering training as occu*pational therapists to realize that* much of their time will be spent with the old, for many hospital patients today are elderly.

Many suffer from rheumatoid arthritis. If they continue to use the affected joints, it will cause further *damage. So if the wrist is affected*, for example, the therapist puts it in a splint, which holds it in place but permits the use of the fingers. The therapist also advises on how to prevent further damage and provides aids, such as a gadget for turning on *taps without putting undue pressure* on the fingers.

Until her promotion, Miss Corrcia worked mainly with psychiatric patients, providing practical training in the activities of daily living, as well as educational and cultural activities, *including music and drama.* "We were also looking at the problems caused by their illness, such as managing a home, dealing with one's children and husband or wife, relating to people, and finding and keeping a job." As with the physically disabled, they provided both individual and group activities.

Group work is becoming increasingly common. At Guy's Hospital, one of serveral she visits, the occupational therapists work closely with other therapists, social workers, patients and their realatives. Their aim is to develop mutual support *among those who suffer from similar* disabilities, such as strokes or amputation of a limb.

Occupational therapists can work in the National Health Service or for the local authority, with adults or with children.

For the three-year training course, candidates need six GCE passes, one of which should be an academic subject at A-level (some schools require two). Subjects must include English language and a science.

For those who are caring, adaptable and creative, this is an ideal occupation. The occupational therapist is not doing things to people but helping them to use what strengths and skills they possess to resolve their own problems.

Further information is available from the College of Occupational Therapists, 20 Rede Place, London, W2.

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UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
IMPERIAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
Mineral Industry Chair of Mining Geology

The Senae invite applications for the Mineral Industry Chair of Minig Geology tenable at Imperial College of Science and Technology.

The Professor appointed will take harge of teaching and research in mining exloration geology and provide leadership in developing the applications of geology to the minerals industry. This Chair is financed by a group of mining companies and the incumbent will be expected to liaise effectively with the minerals industry.

Applications (ten copies) must be received not later than 31 May 1984 by the Academic Registrar (T), University of London, Senate House, London WC1E 7HU, from whom further particulars should first be obtained.

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university college of swansea

Senior Research Assistant

Applications are invited for an *SERC-funded Senior Research Assistant* in the Department of Physics, to join an existing High Voltage Group based at the above College and UWIST at Cardiff. Applicants should have a good initial degree in Physics, Electrical Engineering or a related subject, together with some relevant research experience. The research, which is closely integrated with that of a number of European groups, will involve a study of the growth of space charge in transient electrical discharges in gases at voltages up to 250kV. The experimental work will be carried out mainly in the high voltage laboratory at Swansea using an existing experimental arrangement for which microprocessor-based multi-channel data acquisition systems are being developed.

The appointment, which will be for two years from the soonest date that can be arranged, will be at commencing salary of £8,060 per annum plus USS/USDPS benefits.

Informal enquiries may be made to Professor J. Dutton, Department of Physics at Swansea or Professor R. T. Waters, Department of Physics, Electronics and Electrical Engineering, UWIST, Cardiff, but further particulars and application forms (2 copies) must be obtained from the Personnel Office, University College of Swansea, Singleton Park, Swansea, SA2 8PP, to which office they should be returned by Thursday, March 1, 1984.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

Applications are invited for the post of Lecturer in English Language in the Department of English.

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Further particulars may be obtained from Mrs E. C. P. Sears, Staffing Department, The University, Southampton SO9 5NH *to* whom applications (7 copies from U.K. applicants) should be sent not later than 29 February, 1984. Please quote reference 2550/A.



BRADFIELD COLLEGE
Berkshire
HEADMASTER

The Warden and Council of St Andrew's College, Bradfield, invite applications for the post of HEADMASTER which will fall vacant at the end of the Spring Term 1985.

Full particularsof the post, together with Instructions for submitting applications, can be obtained from the Clerk to the Warden and Council, RGA Youard, 35 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5DB.

Applications should be submitted as soon as possible and in any case should reach the Clerk not later than 25th March 1984.

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university college of swansea

Chair of Mechanical Engineering and Headship of Department

Applications are invited for the Chair and Headship of the Department of Mechanical Engineering from October 1, 1984.

Further particulars may be obtained from the undersigned, University College of Swansea, Singleton Park, Swansea, SA2 8PP, to whom applications (15 copies) should be sent by *March 16, 1984.*

V J Carney
Registrar

SHERBORNE SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

The Governors invite applications for appointment as

HEAD

Miss Elizabeth Coulter will retire at the end of the Summer Term 1985 and her successor will assume office on 1st September 1985. The Governors hope to make an appointment in July this year.

For information about the school and the appointment please apply to the Clerk to the Governors, The Abbey Close, Sherborne, Dorset DT9 3LH.

Closing date for applications is 2nd April 1984.




The Royal National Institute for the Blind welcomes applications for fellowships and post graduate student grants, for research into the design of aids for blind people.

RNIB is particularly interested in furthering the careers of suitably qualified young men and women in the fields of Technology or basic Scientific Disciplines, who have original ideas for devices relevant to blindness.

Details and application forms from Director-General (DG/CWG), RNIB, 224 Great Portland St, London W1N 6AA.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

The Committees of Management of the Centres of African and South Asian Studies invite applications for two

SMUTS RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS IN COMMONWEALTH STUDIES

tenable at their Centres for up to three years from 1 October 1984.

The appointments will be open to candidates in all disciplines within the humanities and social sciences, and, subject to the approval of the Committees of Management the Fellows will be expected to pursue a programme of research relating to any of the countries of Africa or south and south-east Asia which are members of the Commonwealth or which were formerly part of the British Empire.

The persons appointed will be expected either recently to have obtained a Ph.D (or equivalent) degree or to be on the point of submitting a doctoral dissertation by the time the appointments take place. Short-listed candidates will be invited to submit, by 30 April 1984, a substantial piece of written work as part of their application.

The scale of stipend will be £6,315-£8,080. The appointments will be subject to the statutes and ordinances of the University.

Further details may be obtained as appropriate from the Director of the Centre of African Studies, Free School Lane, Cambridge CB2 3RQ, or the Director of the Centre of South Asian Studies, Laundress Lane, Cambridge CB2 1SD.

Twelve copies of a completed application should reach the relevant Director by 16March 1984.

HERTFORD COLLEGE OXFORD
THE BRUCE, JULIA & MORTIMER MAY SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP IN GEOGRAPHY

As a consequence of a benefaction from the estate of Mortimer May, the College intends to award a Senior Scholarship in Geography at Hertford College, tenable for three years from October 1984.

The Scholarship will cover the costs of the University and College fees and provide subsistence. Candidates should hold a good first degree in Geography, or an appropriate allied subject, and will be required to read for an advanced degree.

Applicants should write for further details and an application form to: The College Secretary, Hertford College, Oxford.

Bishop Grosseteste College
Lincoln LN1 3DY

Applications are invited for the post of Senior Lecturer in the Department of Teaching Studies, with special reference to work in the Early Years (B.Ed and in-service courses).

Recent experience with the 3-8 year age range is essential.

Residential accommodation would be available if required.

Further details from The Principal, *Bishop Grosseteste College, Lincoln. LN1 3DY.*

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Well-established summer school for girls aged 11 – 15 running over four weeks from the end of July requires director, to take up appointment by *the end of March.* Easy site and good agent contact. Further details from Box 1167 L The Times.

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CHAIR IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Applications are invited for appointment to a Chair in the Department *of Computer Science.* The University has recently undertaken a thorough review of Computer Science and as a part of its proposed consequent expansion of the Department this second chair has been created. The first chair has been held by Professor C S Wallace since 1968. The Department offers a three-year undergraduate course, which is recognised professionally as a part of the B Sc course. Research activities are in *the areas of information hiding* principles, hardware and software designs for multiprocessors, file design, data base semantics, numerical solution of O D E's, numerical taxonomy, programming languages, and logic programming. Applicants should have research interest ideally, but not necessarily, in data bases or related areas. The appointee will serve periodically as Chairman of the Department. An early appointment is envisaged.

Enquiries about the Department may be directed to Professor J. N. Crossley or Professor C S Wallace, in the University.

Salary $A48,997 p a. Superannuation, travel and removal allowance and temporary housing assistance.

Information on application procedure and further particulars may be obtained from the Registrar, Monash University, Clayton, Victoria 3168, Australia, or the Secretary General, Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts), 36 Gordon Square London WC1H 0PF.

Applications should reach the Registrar not later than 30 March 1984. Council reserves the right to make no appointment or to appoint by invitation at any stage.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS
DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING
LECTURESHIP

Applications are invited for this newly established post set up under the New Blood scheme and aimed at expanding the activities of an *internationally* acknowledged group working on electronically controlled motor drives and related topics.

We are seeking someone, preferably though not necessarily, post-doctoral, with experience in power electronics and/or digital control of electromechanical devices and to expand work in the area of integrated motion control.

The New Blood scheme is intended for persons preferably under 35 years, and provides special opportunities for those appointed to establish their interests through low initial teaching loads and special support for their research activities.

Salary on the scale for Lecturers (£7,190 to £14,125) according to age, experience and qualifications.

Informal enquiries may be made to Professor P J Lawrenson. Tel (0532) 431751 ext 352.

Application forms and further particulars may be obtained from the Registrar, The University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT, quoting reference no 66/30/A. Closing date for applications 5 March 1984.

University of Exeter
DEPARTMENT OF LAW
LECTURESHIP IN LAW

Applications are invited for the above post, tenable from 1 October 1984.

Candidates with any field of interest will be considered but preference may be given to those with interests in the area of Company Law. Commencing salary will be within the range £7190-£8550 p.a., with placement dependent on age and experience. (Ref. no. 3356).

TUTORSHIP IN LAW

Applications are invited for the above post tenable for one year from 1 September or 1 October 1984. The salary is £6310 p.a. (Ref. no. 3357).

Further particulars for both posts are available from the Personnel Office, University of Exeter, EX4 4QJ to whom applications, giving the names and addresses of three referees should be sent by 1 March 1984, quoting appropriate reference number.

University of Nottingham
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH STUDIES

Applications are invited for a temporary lectureship which will be available in this department from 1st September 1984 to 31 July 1985.

Candidates should have good qualifications in Linguistics and Modern English Language and the person appointed will be required to teach foreign students at an advanced level, to provide some help with undergraduate courses in the department and to assist with sociolinguistic studies at M.A. level in the Department of Linguistics.

Salary will be within the range £7,190 to £14,125 per annum.

Application forms and further particulars, returnable no later than 27 February 1984 may be obtained from the Staff Appointments Officer, University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham, NG7 2RD.

Ref: No. 919.

THE FLANDERS UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
Lecturer in Social Administration (Social Work)

The University is seeking a person who is qualified and experienced in the provision of direct services to clients and consumer groups. Preference will be given to applicants with expertise in a field of service, who have an interest in and capacity for research and who can undertake consultation to community services. The position involves responsibility for teaching advanced level practice courses and the supervision of higher degree students. A higher graduate qualification and relevant teaching experience would be expected. Enquiries of an academic nature may be directed to Professor R. G Brown.

Salary scale: $A23,394-$30,734. An appointment will not be made above the sixth level of the scale, viz. $A28,657.

Further information about this position and the details required of applicants may be obtained from the Secretary General, The Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PF.

Applications should be lodged, in duplicate, with the Registrar, The Flinders University of South Australia, Bedford Park, South Australia 5042, by 9 March 1984.

University of East Anglia
Norwich
LECTURER IN COMPUTING STUDIES

Applications are invited for the post of Lecturer in the School of Computing Studies and Accountancy. Candidates should have appropriate experience and a research record in any mainstream area of Computer Science; an interest in commercial data processing will be particularly welcome. The appointment will commence on 1 May 1984. The salary will be at an appropriate point on the Lecturer scale of £7190 to £14125 plus USS benefits.

Applications (three copies) giving full particulars of age, qualifications and experience, together with the names and addresses of three persons to whom reference may be made, should be lodged with the Establishment Officer, University of East Anglia, Norwich, NR4 7TJ, (telephone 0603 56161 ext. 2125) from whom further particulars may be obtained not later than 2 March 1984. No forms of application are issued.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS STUDIES

Applications are invited for a Lectureship in Marketing. The appointment will be made at the upper end of the lecturers' scale.

The role involves lecturing and tutoring on undergraduate, postgraduate (MBA) and othe post-experience programmes. The successful applicant will also be expected to engage in research.

Candidates should have a good degree; an MBA would be an advantage. Preference will be given to individuals with industrial or consultancy experience.

Further particulars are available from Professor N. C. Hunt, Head of Department of Business Studies, William Robertson Building, 50 George Square, Edinburg EH8 9JY. Closing date for applications is 24th February 1984.

PLEASE QUOTE REFERENCE NO. 1098.

BANCROFT'S SCHOOL
Woodford Green, Essex
HEADSHIP

Applications are invited for the Headship of this School, duties to be taken up on 1st September, 1985.

This former Direct Grant School is now fully independent and co-educational, and the present Head Master is a member of the Headmasters' Conference. There are 372 boys and 312 girls in the School, including Sixth Form of 180.

Information and forms of application, which must be completed and returned by 15th March 1984, may be obtained from :–

The Clerk to the Governors, Bancroft's School, Drapers' Hall, Throgmorton Street, LONDON EC2N 2DQ

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW
PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS (ADAM SMITH CHAIR)

The University Court intend to proceed to an appointment to the ADAM SMITH CHAIR OF POLITICAL ECONOMY which has fallen vacant on the retirement of Thomas Wilson, OBE, FBA. In view of the commitment and existing strengths of the Department of *Political Economy*, preference will be given to those with a special interest in monetary or macro-economics.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Academic Personnel Office, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, G12 8QQ, where applications (three copies, one copy in the case of overseas applicants), giving the names and addresses of not more than three referees, should be lodged on or before 5th March, 1984.

In reply please quote Ref No 5191E.

University of Essex
DEPARTMENT OF LAW
CHAIR IN LAW

Applications are invited for the second Chair in the School of Law for appointment from 1 October 1984. Candidates with expertise in any of the major *fields of legal* study will be considered. Salary not less than £17,275 per annum in the national professorial range.

Applications (fourteen copies), including a curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of three referees, should reach the Registrar, (ref C/180/T), University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester CO4 3SQ from whom further particulars may be obtained, by 5 March 1984.

University of Leicester
DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS
Lectureship in Condensed Matter Physics

Applications are invited for a Lectureship in the Department of Physics, tenable immediately. Applicants, who must normally be under 35 at the time of appointment, should have research interests in experimental condensed matter physics. Preference will be given to persons who have experience in the fields of luminescence, spectroscopy, photoemission or electrical properties of solids and who have interests in amorphous semiconductors and metals, surfaces or interfaces.

Initial salary will depend on qualifications and experience on the Lecturers' Scale £7,190 to £14,125.

Further particulars from the Registrar, University of Leicester, University Road, Leicester, LE1 7RH, to whom applications should be sent on the form provided by 31 March 1984.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE
Faculty of English
University Assistant Lecturers

Applications for *two University Assistant Lectureships*, for appointment on 1 October 1984, are invited from persons with a special interest in either of the following fields of study:

Twentieth century English literature.

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One appointment will be made in each of the fields referred to above. The appointments will be for three years, with the possibility of reappointment for two years.

Scale of stipends for an Assistant Lecturer, not ordinarily resident in College, is £7 630 a year, rising by 4 annual increments to £9,425.

Applications (ten copies), giving details of qualifications, experience, and specific areas of teaching offered, together with a curriculum vitae and the names of not more than three referees, should be sent to the Secretary of the Appointments Committee for the Faculty of English, 9 West Road, Cambridge, CB3 9DP, so as to reach him not later than Monday 5 March 1984.

University of Oxford
In association with Lincoln College
UNIVERSITY LECTURESHIP IN APPLIED MATHEMATICS

Applications are invited for the above post. Preference will be given to candidates with research and teaching experience in Classical Applied Mathematics. Stipend according to age on the scale of £7,190-£15,085. The successful candidate may be offered a tutorial fellowship at Lincoln College, for which separate application need not be made. Further particulars may be obtained from the Chairman of the Mathematics Board, Mathematical Institute, 24-29 St Giles', Oxford OX1 3LB, to whom completed applications (ten typed copies, one from overseas candidates) and the names of three referees should be sent by 9 March 1984.

University of Glasgow
DEPARTMENT OF SLAVONIC LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE
STEPEK LECTURESHIP IN POLISH

Applications are invited for the Stepek Lectureship in Polish. Salary will be within £7,190-£14,125 on the Lecturers' scale.

Candidates will be expected to have an excellent command of Polish, to be fully qualified to teach the language and literature at all levels of the Degree course, and be able to supervise research. An ability to teach Polish History would be an advantage.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Academic Personnel Office, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, G12 8QQ, where applications (8 copies), giving the names and addresses of not more than three referees, should be lodged on or before 11th April 1984.

In reply please quote Ref. No. 5199E.

The University of Liverpool
SYDNEY JONES CHAIR OF SCIENCE EDUCATION

Applications are invited for the newly designated Sydney Jones Chair of Science Education in the proposed Faculty of Education and Extension Studies.

Applications from candidates with research experience in classroom and/or evaluation studies in science education will be particularly welcomed.

The salary will be not less than £18,100 per annum. Applications (12 copies), together with the names of three referees, should be received not later than 23 February, 1984 by the Registrar, The University, P.O. Box 147, Liverpool L69 3BX from whom further particulars may be obtained. (Candidates overseas who wish to do so, may send one copy by airmail.) Quote Ref: RV/203/T

University of Nottingham
INDUSTRIAL LIAISON OFFICER

The University wishes to appoint an Industrial Liaison Officer who will exercise a dual but interlocking function in developing links between the University and Industry and Commerce and in working with the City of Nottingham in the development of a Science Park.

The appointment will be for 3 years in first instance and the salary will be within the range £11,160 – £14,125 pa.

Forms of application and further particulars returnable not later than 29th February 1984 may be obtained from Staff Appointments Officers, University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD Ref No 922

The University of Leeds
DEPARTMENT OF LAW
LECTURER

Applications are invited for the above post, available from 1 September 1984.

Salary on the scale for Lecturers (£7190-14125) according to age, qualifications and experience.

Informal enquiries may be made to Professor W V H Rogers (tel Leeds 431751 Ext 6390).

Application forms and further particulars may be obtained from the Registrar, The University, Leeds LS2 9JT, quoting reference no. 41/13/A. Closing date for applications 6 March 1984.

University of Kent at Canterbury
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
LECTURER IN ECONOMICS AND SOUTH-EAST ASIAN STUDIES

Applications are invited for a post of Lecturer in Economics with teaching and research interests in the economic development of South-East Asian countries. This post will be supported from the U.G.C. re-structuring fund.

Salary according to qualifications and experience will be on the scale £7,190 - £14,125.

Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from Mr. J. E. Reilly, Secretary of Faculties, The Registry, University of Kent at Canterbury, Canterbury, Kent, CT2 7NZ. Completed application forms (three copies) should be returned not later than Monday, 9th April 1984.

Please quote reference number A4/84/T

The University of Manchester
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Applications are invited for a post in the Registrar's Department from candidates with a good Honours degree or a higher degree.

Salary range pa: £6,310 – £8,630. Superannuation.

Further particulars and application forms (returnable by March 9th) from the Registrar, The University, Manchester M13 9PL.

Quote ref. 21/84/T.

University of Aberdeen
CHAIR OF CHEMISTRY

Applications are invited from candidates with a proven record in any branch of chemistry for the Chair of Chemistry which will become vacant on 1 October 1984 following the retirement of Professor P. Meares.

Further particulars and application forms from The Secretary, The University, Aberdeen, with whom applications (2 copies) should be lodged by 23 March 1984.

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Further particulars and application forms (returnable by March 9th) from the Registrar, The University, Manchester M13 9PL.

Quote ref. 21/84.

University of London
CHAIR OF ECONOMETRICS TENABLE AT THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Senate invite applications from specialists in econometric theory *for the above Chair.*

Applications (10 copies) should be submitted to the Academic Registrar (T), University of London, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU, from whom further particulars should first be obtained.

Closing date 23 March 1984.

E.F.L. TEACHERS required immediately 2 for Italy and 1 for Switzerland: for the position in Switzerland an Irish passport is required Tel: 01-834 0606

The University of Manchester
TURNER DENTAL SCHOOL
CHAIR IN RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY

Applications are invited from candidates holding a qualification registrable with the General Dental Council of the United Kingdom for appointment to a newly established Chair in Restorative Dentistry in the Dental School, tenable from October 1st, 1984. The title Restorative Dentistry is intended to emphasise a forward-looking approach to the overall needs of the field but the person appointed will be in administrative charge of the Department of Conservative Dentistry. The salary will be in the normal professorial range for full-time clinical appointments with superannuation. Further particulars may be obtained from the Registrar, The University, Manchester M13 9PL, to whom applications (one copy suitable for photocopying), giving full details of qualifications and experience and the names of three persons to whom reference may be made, should be sent to arrive not later than March 16th, 1984. Please quote reference 1/84/T.

University of Kent at Canterbury
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
TEMPORARY LECTURESHIP IN ACCOUNTING

Applications are invited for a three year temporary lectureship in Accounting to commence on 1st October 1984.

Salary, according to qualifications and experience, will be on the scale £7,190 – £14,125, but the initial appointment will not be made above the seventh point on the scale.

Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from Mr J E Reilly, Secretary of Faculties, The Registry, The University, Canterbury, Kent CT2 7NZ not later than Monday 19th March 1984.

Please quote reference number A3/84/T

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD
in association with WORCESTER COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY LECTURESHIP IN PHARMACOLOGY

Applications are invited for the above post. Stipend according to age on the scale £7,190 to £18,085. The successful candidate may be offered a stipendiary Tutorial Fellowship by Worcester College.

Details from Sir William Paton, Department of Pharmacology, South Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3QT, to whom applications (nine typed copies: two for overseas applicants) with the names of three referees should be sent by 30 April 1984.

University of Cambridge
SLADE PROFESSORSHIP OF FINE ART

Applications are invited for the above Chair tenable from 1 October 1985 for a period not exceeding three years.

It will be the duty of the Professor to deliver annually in the University not fewer than twelve lectures and, optionally, classes on the History, Theory, and Practice of the Fine Arts, or of some section or sections of them. The Professor is not required to reside in the University.

Present stipend £5,618 a year. Applications (10 copies) marked 'Confidential' should be sent to the Secretary General of the Faculties, from whom further information may be obtained, at the General Board Office, The Old Schools, Cambridge, CB2 1TT. Names of two referees may be submitted if desired.

Closing date: 31 March, 1984.

New Hall, Cambridge
COLLEGE LECTURESHIP IN LAW

Applications are invited from men and women candidates for a College Lectureship in Law from 1st October 1984. Further particulars may be obtained from the President, New Hall, Cambridge CB3 0DF

The closing date for applications is 16th March 1984.

University of Oxford
In association with Hertford College
UNIVERSITY LECTURESHIP IN FRENCH PHILOLOGY AND OLD FRENCH LITERATURE

Applications are invited for the above post, which is open to men and women. Stipend according to age on the scale £7,190 to £15,085.

The successful candidate may be offered a tutorial fellowship for which no separate application is required at Hertford College.

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6.30 **Breakfast Time.** Fern Britton helps Frank Bough present news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30; regional news, weather, traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45, 8.15; sport at 6.40, 7.40; morning papers at 7.18, 8.18; Russell Grant at 8.33; film and record releases between 7.45 and 8.00.

9.00 **Gardeners' World.** Robert Hillier shops around for shrubs and trees (r). **9.25 Songs of Praise** from Dalton-in-Furness (r). **10.00 Ceefax. 10.30 Play School:** Pimpernel Petroleum (r). **10.55 Ceefax.**

12.30 **News,** weather, 12.57 Financial Report and news headlines (London only. Elsewhere; Regional news).

1.00 **Olympic Grandstand.** Skiing from Sarajevo follows the female competitors through the giant slalom. (Further coverage at 6.40). Plus news of the ladies 1,000m speedskating final, men's 15km cross-country ski run and skater Paul Robinson's progress in the compulsory figures.

1.45 **The Flumps. 2.00 See Hear!** (r). **2.25 Dynasty.** Fallon makes mischief for Krystle in this barrel-scraping oil saga (r). **3.15 Face the Music.** Russell Harty, Richard Baker Patricia Owen do so (r).

3.55 **Play School. 4.20 The Adventures of Tin Tin** (r). **4.25 Jackanory:** Johnny Briggs and the Jubilee Concert, episode one, read by Bernard Holley. **4.35 Finders Keepers.** Computerised quiz.

5.00 **John Craven's Newsround. 5.10 Blue Peter.** Crufts winners show their obedience. **5.35 The Wombles** (r).

5.40 **Sixty Minutes** begins with the news.

6.40 **Olympic Grandstand.** Back to Sarajevo, for the ladies' giant slalom and ice hockey (The USSR is scheduled to meet West Germany). Plus news of speedskating and cross-country ski-ing.

7.20 **Blue Thunder.** James Farentino whirs into action in this aerial crime series putting the "cop" into helicopter. A paramilitary group is funding its plans for a coup by air-supported robberies.

8.10 **Panorama:** Fred Emery interviews Lord Carrington on the prospects for East-West relations after Andropov; Peter Taylor reports on how the Black vote in the southern states could determine who occupies the White House.

9.00 **News, weather.**

9.25 **Film: Tell Them Willie Boy Is Here** (1969). This largely-true pursuit across southern California in 1909 of a young Paiute Indian (Robert Blake, most recently seen as Jimmy Hoffa in *Blood Feud*) by a dogged sheriff (Robert Redford) is distinguished as a film by its realistic portrayal of persecution. Writer-director Abraham Polonsky knew all about that. He was blacklisted for almost 20 years, for his political beliefs. Katharine Ross, as the errant Indian's fiancee, later accompanied *Redford* in the more commercial *Butch Cassidy*.

11.00 **Film 84.** Mel Brooks and actress wife Anne Bancroft on their joint comedy, and *Under Fire*, a courageous drama about moral pressures on war correspondents in Nicaragua. Barry Norman also awards his personal oscars.

1.28 **News Headlines.**

1.30 **Wheels of Fire.** Development in India (r).

2.00 **Weather and Closedown.**

TV-am

6.25 **Good Morning Britain:** Anne Diamond and Mike Morris lead into news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.35, 7.35; Money news at 6.40, 8.45; odd anniversaries at 7.05, 8.05; pop video at 7.55; Bill Tidy at home at 8.10; medical advice at 9.03. Roy Marsden is today's guest at 7.40.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 *Thames News Headlines.*

9.30 **For Schools:** Cartoon on animal movement. **9.47** Let's Read . . . with Basil Brush. **9.59** Bricks. **10.11** Basic Maths. **10.31** Play by C. P. Taylor. **11.00** Documentary: Nine Miles High in a Hot Air Balloon. **11.22** Starting Science. Protection from the elements. **11.41** Black British youngster celebrates her birthday.

12.00 **Alphabet Zoo:** Stanley the Stoat. **12.10 Let's Pretend. 12.30 A Bit on the Side.** Two teenagers who invested their dole money in their own business.(r)

1.00 *News. 1.20 Thames News.* **1.30 My Life.** Young market trader from Brixton tells Colin Morris how lack of education led to crime and a special school in North Wales where *he soon got smart.*

2.00 **Film: A Yank in Ermine** (1955). An earldom awaits unwitting American airman and heir Peter Thompson in this John Paddy Carstairs comedy. Jon Pertwee, Richard Wattis lend home-grown support.

3.30 ***Miracles Take Longer.*** Community advice centre serial.

4.00 **Alphabet Zoo** (r) **4.15 Batfink.** Cartoon. **4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Chocky.** Last episode of the John Wyndham saga.

5.15 **Emmerdale Farm.** Seth passes the buck.

5.45 **News. 6.00 Thames News. 6.25 Help!** Community advice.

6.35 **Crossroads.** Carole won't be taken for granted.

7.00 **Wish You Were Here . . ?** The farmlands and forests of the Belgian Ardennes are often forgotten by British holiday-makers. Chris Kelly starts off in Dinand.

7.30 **Coronation Street.**

8.00 **Duty Free.** New comedy series set on the Costa Brava stars Keith Barron *(see Choice).*

8.30 **World in Action: Countdown to a Coronary.** First half of worrying reminder about a disease that kills 1,000 Britons daily dispells any solace that heart attacks are synonymous with older age. The damage, it seems, is done when we are young, slowly choking our arteries with fatty burgers, chips and crisps. A drastic reduction in fat intake is the only real prevention.

9.00 **Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer.** The macho American paperback shamus is played by stocky Stacy Keach in this series updated for television by his creator, Spillane. In this caper, Hammer helps a French dancer avenge the death of her elderly neighbour.

10.00 **New at Ten,** followed by Thames News Headlines.

10.30 **Film: Doomwatch** (1972). Cinematic spin-off of the Kit Pedler-BBC series stations scientist Ian Bannen on a small island off the Cornish coast, to investigate the mutating effects of radioactive waste. Judy Geeson, Simon Oates and George Sanders also turn up, under Peter *Sasdy's direction.*

11.50 **After Hours.** Music and conversation.

12.35 **Night Thoughts** from deaconess Dr Una Kroll, then Closedown.

Keith Barron: Duty Free (ITV, 8.00 pm)

● With an itinerary that takes in the Sarajeyvo ski slopes, Incan Peru, the American cotton belt, Communist China, tourist Belgium and Spain, twice, tonight's television is peregrine to say the least, though the hollow hotel sets of **DUTY FREE** (ITV, 8.00 pm) suggest that the closest the cast of this comedy supposedly set on the Costa Brava will get to a tan is from the blazing studio lights. But the playing (by Keith Barron, Gwen Taylor, Neil Stacy and Joanna Van Gyseghem) is certainly not wooden and neither was the laughter hollow at the preview I attended. Eric Chappell may not have produced another *Rising Damp*, but with collaborator Jean Warr, he has concocted an agreeable comic situation that allows its two covetous couples sufficient salt in their lines without having to worry about the distance from the Med.

CHOICE

● **THE STATELESS NATIONS** (BBC 2, 7.40 pm) stays in Spain to dip into the first of six pockets of cultural and political resistance in Western Europe. Neither 200 years of direct rule from Madrid, nor bloody persecution by Franco managed to extinguish the fiery torch of Catalonian independence. Now by gentle pesuasion, the Catalans have won back many ancientr rights. George Reid's film is a useful colour piece that gets close to the heart of the Catalan.

● ***THE HEART OF THE DRAGON*** (Channel 4, 9.00 pm) this week deals with the pragmatic approach to belief in China since Confucius had his say, 500 years before Christ. Like Marx and Mao, he was no theologian, but a political philosopher. Yet during the Cultural Revolution, Mao achieved almost divine adoration. Today, the Party prefers to promote a much lesser god, indoctrinating schoolchildren to emulate 'Uncle' Lei Feng, posthumously feted for his honesty, *good deeds and respect for the* Party.

● Nineteenth-century hedonist Augustus Hare thought he had found his Xanadu when he set up home with 50 hand-picked harem girls on a deserted island in the Indian Ocean. Imagine his surprise, then, when he wakes one morning to the sound of a harmonium. The *bizarre but true farrago that* followed is detailed in John Fletcher's lusty Monday Play,

BABYLON HAS FALLEN (Radio 4, 8.00 pm) about the arrival from Bristol of evangelist David Worth, his wife and workers to build a New Jerusalem.

BBC 2

6.05 **Open University:** Interdependence and Oil. **6.30** Photochemistry. **7.20** Ecology. **7.45** Engineering. **8.10** Closedown.

9.00 **Ceefax.**

9.10 **Daytime on Two:** Careers in hotels. *9.38 Honesty at Work.* **10.00** You and Me. **10.15** Musical moods. **10.38** History. Pearl Harbour to Hiroshima. **11.00** Zig Zag. **11.23** Chinese children's story. **11.42** Genetic engineering. **12.10** Folk guitar lesson. **12.25** Gardening science. **12.50** The *Unemployment Industry.* **1.20** France and speaking French. **1.38** The Nuclear Debate. **2.01** Words and Pictures. **2.18** History. Villagers fight for ancient rights. **2.40** Classical and jazz clarinet.

3.00 **Ceefax.**

5.10 **Management at Priory School.** Policy-making at a comprehensive (r).

5.35 **News summary, weather.**

5.40 **Film: Charlie Chan's Murder Cruise** (1940)*. A boat bound for San Francisco carries a killer. Sidney Toler, as the slant-eyed sleuth, must determine who it is.

6.55 **Carmen Comes to St Aidan's.** Courtesy of four performers from English National Opera North, and boys at a Roman Catholic school in Sunderland.

7.20 **100 Great Sporting Moments.** England v West Germany for the 1966 World Cup. A chance to relive former footballing glories, not least of all Geoff *Hurst's historic hat-trick.*

7.40 **The Stateless Nations.** Catalonia, to begin this tour of autonomous parts of Europe's anatomy *(see Choice).*

8.10 **Leo.** This week's film sequence has Leo Sayer in the saddle at rock star Justin Hayward's stud farm.

9.00 **Call My Bluff.** Definitions challenge pits Liza Goddard, Julian Pettifer and A. Marshall against Sue MacGregor, Derek Jacobi and F. Muir.

9.30 **Horizon: Valley of the Inca.** Robin Bootle's archaeological despatch from the ruins of Incan Peru seems to have wandered across from the *Chronicle* strand, tracing as it does the growth of the Incan settlement in the dusty Cusichacha valley, from evidence of its unruly terraces and dried-up irrigation canals. But 500 years ago, the valley flourished. And a project led by *Incan enthusiast* Dr Ann Kendall aims to reopen the original irrigation routes to make the fields fertile again.

10.20 **Maestro.** Tonight's other great sporting moment recalls when British boxer Tommy Farr took on the "Brown Bomber" Joe Louis, at Madison Square Gardens in 1937. (r)

10.50 **Newsnight.**

11.35 **Open University:** Henry IV, Parts I and II, in workshop. **12.00** Wilderness.

12.30 **Closedown.**

CHANNEL 4

5.00 **Television Scrabble.** The word game enters its final week, with the highest scorers back in contention. Billie Whitelaw and Rachael Heyhoe-Flint think furiously for this afternoon's contestants.

5.30 **The Mary Tyler Moore Show.** Mary becomes the reluctant guardian of the child next door in this edition of the early Seventies comedy series that led to in-their-own-right stardom for Rhoda (Valerie Harper), Phyllis (Cloris Leachman) and Lou Grant (Edward Asner). Mary Tyler Moore produced it (r).

6.00 **Here's Lucy.** Our hare-brained heroine, her pal Viv and her Uncle Harry are found in *innocent possession of illegal* drugs down Mexico way. Lucille Ball and Gale Gordon co-star (r).

6.30 **Make it Count.** Fred Harris makes light work of subtraction and division, or distraction and derision, as the Mock Turtle would have it (r).

7.00 **Channel Four News.** Peter Sissons is the anchor man, Lawrence McGinty reports from the Canary Islands, where British astronomers are receiving the first pictures from a large, new, telescope.

7.50 **Comment.** By Rodney Atkinson, a financial consultant. A weather report follows.

8.00 **Basketball.** Sunderland against Solent in this selection from the national league. *Simon Reed and Miles Aiken* describe the bounce-by-bounce action at Crowtree Leisure Centre, Sunderland, then round-up the week's results and news.

9.00 **The Heart of the Dragon:** Believing. The role played by religion, or more properly, *spirituality, in ancient and* modern China. Communism is the latest creed in a line that stems back to Confucius and Buddha. *(see Choice)*

10.00 **St Elsewhere.** Tonight's second offering from Mary Tyler Moore (MTM) Enterprises, a sort of medical *Hill Street Blues, presents the* harassed staff with an armed and angry woman who blames the rickety hospital for the fact that she is pregnant. She bursts in on Dr Ehrlich's first solo operation. Dr Westphall is called to mediate.

11.00 **Pictures of Women – Sexuality: All in the Game.** "It's women who cause men to go to prostitutes", claims the token male in this feminist declamation of "the oldest profession". But it's men who get the blame, as sexual and economic exploiters. Surely, though, writer-presenter Carol Smart embarks on a whole *new game by explaining* marriage as a form of prostitution, with frequent allusions to women as the property of their husbands.

11.55 **Closedown.**

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing; Weather.
6.10 Farming Week from the South West. 6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 Today, including: 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 New Summary. 6.45 Prayer for the Day. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 Today's News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day.
8.35 The Week on 4.
8.43 Glyn Worsnip in BBC Sound Archives. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Start the Week with Richard Baker and studio guests.†
10.00 News; Money Box.
10.30 Morning Story: "The Peace of Mowsle Barton" by Saki. The reader is David March.
10.45 Daily Service.
11.00 News; Travel; Down Your Way visits Biggleswade, Bedfordshire.
11.48 Poetry Please! The readers are June Barrie and Norman Rodway, and the selection was made by Vernon Scannell.
12.00 News; You and Yours. "Retirement and After". The first of three special features for the elderlyn and those who care for *them. Presented by Patti* Coldwell.
12.27 Don't Stop Now – its Fundation (new series) with Joe Griffiths, Gareth Hale, Norman Pace, Terry Morrison and Maryanne Morgan. It is a comedy cabaret.†12.55 Weather; Programme News.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forest.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Today's *edition includes* Frances Ratchford's conversation with some homosexual teenagers and their parents. And Judi Dench reads the first of eight instalments from Keith Waterhouse's Mrs Pooter's Diary.
3.00 Afternoon Theatre: Sea Changes, by Olwen Wymark. A sophisticated comedy about a middle-aged divorcée contemplating selling her home. She is over-influenced by her horribly well-meaning tenants. With Maureen O'Brien, Anne Bell, Rod Beacham, Maggie McCarthy and Nicholas Coutney, (r).†
4.30 Zoo Talk. Zoo vet David Taylor gives advice on how not to give a chimpanzee a Micky Finn.
4.40 Story Time: "Atlantic City Proof" written and read by. Christopher Cook Gilmore (6).
5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Programme News.
6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.
6.30 The News Quiz. With Simon Hoggart, Alan Coren, Alan Rusbridger, Peter Tory and Gay Search, (r).
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 In Business with Peter Hobday.
7.50 Labels. Another talk in Patrick Hannan's entertaining series.
8.00 The Monday Play: "Babylon Has Fallen" by John Fletcher. Set in the 1840s on the Keeling Islands in the Indian Ocean. The plot: an old Etonian is living there peacefully with his private harem when a party of Bristolian evangelists arrives. The theatre version of this play was produced by the Orchard Theatre last summer. The cast includes John Castle, Maureen O'Brien, John Rowe, David Marsh, Owen Garmon and Shireen Shah.†
9.30 Science Through the Looking Glass: David Jones looks at Murphy's Law.
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Arts magazine. Includes reviews of the BBC 2 Sunday night series All the World's a Stage.: Giordano's opera Andrea Chenier at the Royal Opera House Covent Garden; and Herbert Marshall's book Masters of the Soviet Cinema. 9.59 Weather.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: 'The Lost Domain' by Alain-Fournier. Abridged in 15 parts (1) The reader is Michael Williams.
10.30 The World Tonight,including 11.00 Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News. 12.10 Weather 12.15-close Shipping Forecast.

England: VHF as above except: 6.25-6.30am Weather, Travel. 10.45-12.00 For Schools: 10.45 Hallo! Wie Gent's? 11.00 Music Makers. 11.20 Let's Move! 11.40 Johnny Ball's Maths Games. 11.50 Poetry Corner. 155-2.00pmListening Corner. 2.00-3.00 For Schools 2.00 Playtime. 2.15 Introducing Science. 2.35 Noticeboard. 2.40 Listening to Music 2. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00 Study on 4: Patients Guide to the NHS (6). 11.30-12.00 Open University. 11.30 Biology, Brain and Behaviour. 11.50 Music Interlude. *12.30-1.10am Schools Night-*Time Broadcasting. 12.30 Deutsch fur die Oberstufe 11 & 12.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: part one, Chopin's Andante Spianato and Gand Polonaise, Op 22 (Vasary, piano, and Berlin Phil); Haydn's Baryton Trio No 96; Wolf's Kennst du das land (Ameling/Jansen); Faure's suite Pelleas and Melisande.†8.00 News.
8.05 Morning Concert: part two. Debussy's Nocturnes; Roussel's Serenade Op 30 (Marisa Robles, harp, and Allegri String Quartet); and Liszt's The Dance in the Village Inn (Mephisto Waltz No 1).†9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Tchiakovsky. The Rose Adagio (from The Sleeping Beauty); and the Symphony No 5 (Lenningrad Philharmonic).†
10.00 Schubert: Martimo Tirimo plays the Sonata in F sharp minor, D570 (completed by the performer.)†
10.25 Saxophone and Orchestra: The Rapsodie for alto sax and orch (Claude Delangle, soloist); Villa-Lobos's Fantasia for soprano saxophone, three horns and string orchestra (Eugene Rousseu, saxophone); and Ibert's Concertino da Camera for alto saxophone and 11 instruments (Eugene Rousseu, saxophone).†
11.00 Mendelssohn Songs: with Janet Baker and Geoffrey Parsons (piano). The works include Frage; Im Grunen; Der Blumenstrauss; Der Blumenkranz; and Nachtlied.†
11.30 The Concertos of Sir Arthur Bliss: BBC Scottish SO, with Philip Fowke (piano). Bliss's Concerto *for Piano and Orchestra; the* Moeran's Symphony in G Minor.†1.00 News.
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert: Orlando String Quartet play Haydn's Quartet in C major, Op 54 No 2; and Bartok's Quartet No 6.†
2.05 Music Weekly: first broadcast yesterday. Includes a conversation with Edward Cowie; And Wally Horwood on Adolphe Sax, the Belgian-born maker of musical instuments(r).†
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another of Michael Berkeley's selections.†
6.30 Music for Organ: Albert De Klerk plays Soler's Sonata No 18; Frank's Fantasy in A; and Vierne's Pastorale: Scherzetto.†
7.00 L'Incoronazione di Poppea: Moneverdi's opera in three acts, with prologue. Sung in Italian. Il Complesso Barocco is directed from the hapsichord by Alan Curtis. Soloists include Carmen *Balthrop, Carolyn Watkinson,* Andrea Bierbaum, Carlo Gaifa and Ulrik Gold. Act one.†
8.20 Spin a Coin, Spin a Coin: Delin. Paton and David Gooderson.
8.40 L'Incoronazione di Poppea: the second act.†
9.30 A Procession of Friends: Karin Fernald has compiled, and performs, some pages from the diary of Fanny Burney. Tonight: Bacon at Streatham Park.
10.30 Jazz Today: with In Cohoots and the Michael Garrick Trio. Presented by Charles Fox.
11.15 News. Until 11.18.

VHF only: Open University: 6.15-6.55am. 6.15 Psychosexual Identity. 6.35 Studying the Arts. 11.20-11.40pm Religion as a Universal Phenomenon.


Judi Dench: Woman's Hour (Radio 4, 2.00 pm)

Radio 2

News on the hour, major bulletins: 7.00am, 8.00, 1.00pm, 5.00 and 12.00 midnight; news headlines: 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30 (MF/MW). 4.00am Colin Berry. 5.30 Ray Moore. 7.30 Terry Wogan† incl. 8.31 Racing Bulletin, 8.45 *Pause for Thought. 10.00 Jimmy* Young.† 12.00pm Steve Jones† incl. 1.05 Sport. 2.00 Gloria Hunniford.† incl. 2.02; 3.02 Sport. 3.30 Music all the Way.† 4.00 David Hamilton.† incl. 4.02; 5.02 Sport. 6.00 John Dunn† incl. 6.02 Sport, 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (MF only). 8.00 Alan Dell with Dance Band Days and Big Band Era† . 9.00 Humphrey Lyttelton with the Best of Jazz.† 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 *Monday Movie Quiz with Ray Moore.* 10.30 Star Sound with Nick Jackson and soundtrack requests. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round midnight (stereo from midnight) incl. 11.02 Cricket. 12.05 Cricket. 1.00am Patrick Lunt presents Nightride† incl. 1.02; 2.02 Cricket. 3.00-4.00 Folk on 2† incl. 3.02 Cricket.

Radio 1

News on the half-hour from 6.30am until 9.30pm and at 12.00 midnight (MF/MW). 6.00am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Mike Smith, incl. 12.30Newsbeat. 2.00 Steve Wright. 4.30 Peter Powell, incl. Newsbeat. 7.00 David Jensen. 10.00-12.00 John Peel† . VHF Radios 1 and 2 4.00am With Radio 2. 10.00pm With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00 *With Radio 2.*

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Sarah and Company. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Arthur Rubenstein. 8.30 Anything Goes. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 Waveguide. 9.25 Good Books. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Music Now. 10.15 Short Story. 10.30 Rock Salad. 11.00 World News. 11.09 *News About Britain. 11.15 Anna of the Five* Towns. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Jazz Score. 12.45 Sports Round-up. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Country Style. 1.45 A Man from the Five Towns. 2.30 The Tone Poets. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 A Talent to Amuse. 4.30 A Sense of Place. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Book Choice. 5.15 Just a Minute. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 9.15 Anna of the Five Towns. 9.30 Rock Salad. 10.00 World *News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book* Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 A Talent to Amuse. 11.30 Jazz Score. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 French Feature. 1.00 Waveguide. 1.10 Paperback Choice. 1.15 Outlook. News Summary. 1.45 Short Takes. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 Sports International. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News *about Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 John* Peel. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Rock Back the Clock. 5.45 The World Today.

(All times in GMT)

BBC1 Wales: 12.57-1.00pm News of Wales headlines. 3.53-3.55 News of Wales headlines. 5.55 (Part of Sixty Minutes) Wales Today. 12.00 midnight Weatherman. News of Wales headlines and weather. Close. **Scotland:** 12.55-1.00pm Scottish News. 5.55 (Part of Sixty Minutes) Scotland: Sixty Minutes. 7.20-7.50 Superscot. Quiz about Scotland and the Scots with Jane Franchi. 7.50-8.10 "Fiddles An' Whistles An' A' " with Donnie Macleod. 11.30-12.00 Fealla Dha 'Sa Tri. 12.00 Midnight News summary and weather. Close. **Northern Ireland:** 12.57-1.00 pm Northern Ireland news. 3.53-3.55 Northern Ireland news. 5.55 (Part of Sixty Minutes) Scene Around Six. 12.00 midnight Weatherman. Northern Ireland news headlines and weather. Close.

S4C Starts 2.00pm Ffenestri. 2.20 Nodi. 2.35 Daearyddiaeth. 2.55 Interval. 3.35 Film: Variety Jubilee, Melodrama. 4.55 Wil Cwac Cwac. 5.00 Dwylo I Fyny. 5.30 Everbody Here. 6.00 Avengers. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Y 'Stafell Ddirgel. 7.55 Pwy Sy'n Perthyn? 8.25 Y Byd Ar Bedwar. 9.00 Jewel in the Crown. 10.0 Comic Strip Presents. . . 10.35 Birth. 11.30 Irish Angle. 12.00 Closedown.

CHANNEL: As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00-3.30 Film: The Fan* (Jeanne Crain). 6.30-7.00 Private Benjamin. 10.35 Lou Lewis sings. 10.40 Film: Life at the Top. 12.40am Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.30 First Thing. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00-3.30 Film: Who Goes There! (Valerie Hobson). 6.00 North Tonight. 6.30-7.00 Top Club. 10.30 Film: Next Victim. 11.50 Living and Growing for Adults. 12.20am News, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm News. 2.00-3.30 Film: Ghost Train (Arthur Askey). 5.15-5.45 Survival. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.30-7.00 Mr and Mrs. 10.30 Film: Scobie *Malone. 12.15am News, Closedown.*

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00-3.30 Film: Gasbags* (Crazy Gang). 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30 Crime Desk. 6.45-7.00 Showcase. 10.35 Preview. 11.00 Masterchess. 11.30 Late Call. 11.35 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace.* 12.35am Closedown. more

HTV As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-3.30 Film: Bhowani Junction (Ava Gardner). 5.15-5.45 Mr and Mrs. 6.00-7.00 News. 10.30 You're the Boss. 11.00 City of Angels. 12.00 Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV except: 6.00pm-7.00 Wales at Six. 10.30-11.15 Crown Green Bowls. 11.15 City of Angels. 12.15am Closedown.

CENTRAL: As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00 Film: Too many Crooks, (Terry-Thomas). 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Newshound. 6.00 News. 6.30-7.00 Citizen '84. 10.35 Venture. 11.05 Darts. 11.35 Newhart. 12.05am Contact. 12.20 Closdown.

TVS As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Afternoon Club. 1.35 Gossip. 2.10 Agatha Christie Hour. 3.10 Newsbreak. 3.20 Sullivans. 3.50-4.00 A-Z. 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies*. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.45-7.00 Airmail. 10.30 Putting on the South. 11.00 Showcase. 11.15 Hill Street Blues. 12.15am Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News and Lookaround. 2.00-3.30 Film: The Ringer. 5.15-5.45 Mr Smith. 6.00 News. 6.02 Mr and Mrs. 6.30-7.00 Northern *Life. 10.32 Briefing. 11.15 Levkas Man.* 12.15am God in Good Season, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00-3.30 Film: Kill Me Tomorrow* (Pat O'Brien). 5.15-5.45 Mr Smith. 6.00 Calendar. 6.30-7.00 Enterprise 84. 10.30 Calendar Commentary. 11.00 Hill Street Blues. 12.00 Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm Granada Reports. 1.30-2.30 Film: Corsican Brothers (Douglas Fairbanks jnr). 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies*. 6.00 Sons and Daughters. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. *10.30 Benson. 11.00 Week Tonight*– 11.30 Star Parade. 12.35am Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00-3.30 Film: Hour of Decision.* (Lionel Jeffenes). 6.00 About Anglia. 6.30-7.00 Survival. 10.30 Anglia Reports. 11.00 Film: Someone at the Top of the Stairs. 12.25am Bishop Talks to . . . , *Closedown.*

TSW As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00-3.30 Film: The Fan *(Jeanne Crain). 6.00 Today South West.* 6.30-7.00 Private Benjamin. 10.35 Postscript. 10.40 Film: Life at the Top (Laurence Harvey). 12.41 Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Day Ahead. 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime. 2.00-3.30 Film: Twenty Mule Team (Wallace Beery). 5.15-5.45 Survival. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.30-7.00 Lifestyle. 10.0 Session Folk. 11.00 Hill Street Blues. 11.55 News, Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN.
† Stereo. ★Black and white. (r) Repeat.

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m: VHF -90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz 1500m: VHF -92-95; LBC 1152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m: VHF 95.8: BBC Radio London 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; World Service MF 648kHz/463m.

Entertainments

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EXHIBITIONS

Thatcher pressed for Oman statement

By Rupert Morris

The Prime Minister will come under renewed pressure from Opposition MPs this week to declare her personal interest in the £300m Oman university deal, in which her son has now admitted involvement.

Mr Mark Thatcher, who had not previously spoken publicly on the subject, told *The Sunday Times* that he had played "a very small part" in the winning by the British company Cementation International of a contract to build a university in Oman in 1981.

He would not reveal how much he had been paid, but said that he had met his mother during her official visit to Oman.

Mr Peter Shore, Labour spokesman on trade and industry, said that because of those revelations: "further and more serious questions inevitably arise, which directly involve the Prime Minister and the proper standards of ministerial conduct for which she has a special responsibility."

He called for a full and immediate statement to the Commons by Mrs Thatcher. Other Labour MPs emphasized that there was no implication that Mr Thatcher had done anything other than pursue legitimate business interests; their concern was that the Prime Minister should declare her personal interest.

Mr Thatcher told *The Sunday Times* that he and his family had been distressed by allegations in *The Observer* about the Oman contract, and he resented the suggestion that he had been a nobody before his mother became Prime Minister.

"Having a mother as Prime Minister, in fact, automatically disqualifies me from doing a lot of things."

He said that "politically motivated" attacks on him came from people with an innate hostility to big business. But he would not be driven out of business.

"I am responsible to three people on this planet: one of them is my mother, the second is the Almighty and the third is me. My responsibility is to her as my mother, not as Prime Minister. To me, that is peripheral."

He discounted the idea that his mother's influence could have helped him to win credit with Cementation, and said the fact that the contract was not put out to tender was "the prerogative of the client."

An armchair traveller in space . . .



With the Earth as backdrop, Captain Bruce McCandless floats free in a photograph released yesterday. Shuttle's future, page 5.

Syria warns US to stop naval shelling

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The Americans completed the evacuation of 1,200 US residents and foreign nationals from west Beirut on Saturday, although the operation was briefly suspended when four mortar shells - fired by a militiamen near the Beirut lighthouse - landed in the sea beside the British Embassy. A Turkish woman was also slightly wounded by a ricocheting bullet as she waited for an American helicopter to take her off the seafront.

Many Americans decided to leave on Saturday after Frank Reigier, the American Professor of Electrical Engineering at the American University in Beirut, was kidnapped near the campus by armed men. The University yesterday appealed to his captors to give Professor Reiger medicine for a heart condition from which he suffers.

Among other American personnel evacuated from Beirut was the US G3 military intelligence corps attached to the Marines who failed to give any advance warning of last Monday's assault by Muslim militias on the west of the city and the subsequent disintegration of the Lebanese Army. The intelligence operatives were humilatingly flown out to the Sixth Fleet under the title of "non-essential personnel".

There was still no word yesterday from President Gemayel.

Syria is prepared to see Mr Gemayel remain President provided he undertakes substantial reforms and scraps the Lebanese-Israeli pact. The question must now be: Can Mr Gemayel keep the Phalange in check if he stays on as President but concedes opposition demands?

Kremlin seeks to show unity to the West

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including the People's Control, which carried out his anti-corruption campaign, although not from the KGB, his former fief, which ruthlessly suppressed dissidents under his rule.

The party newspaper gave prominence to the message of condolence from Mrs Thatcher. On a page otherwise devoted to messages from Communist leaders, Mrs Thatcher's expression of sorrow over the Soviet people's "great loss" appeared with messages from M Pierre Mauroy, the French Prime Minister, and President Karamanlis of Greece.

Some Soviet officials have privately voiced their hope that Western encounters with the new Kremlin leaders this week will lead to a fresh start in East-West relations, which under Mr Andropov sunk to a new low in the wake of the shooting down of the South Korean jet in September and the collapse of the Geneva arms talks.

There was no official response yesterday to President Reagan's call for renewed détente, and no fresh indication of Moscow's next move on the Middle East crisis. Mr Aliyev was due to visit Syria this week for talks on Lebanon.

Diplomats cautioned yesterday that a collective leadership dominated by the old guard would be conservative and unimaginative in foreign policy, with little incentive to look for a breakthrough in relations with the West.

Soviet television yesterday showed commemorative meetings in farms and factories, with mourners carrying the same portraits of Mr Andropov which had symbolized his power during his months of absence.

Thatcher for Moscow

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Downing Street was unable to say last night how long Mrs Thatcher would be staying in Moscow. Much will depend on how much time the new leadership is prepared to give her and the Foreign Secretary. But it is clear that if the opportunity arises she will have plenty to say.

She will assure Mr Andropov's successor of the West's desire for a reduction in tension and that the improved dialogue that is needed should be extended beyond arms control negotiations into other areas.

Mrs Thatcher's former foreign affairs adviser, Sir Anthony Parsons, said on BBC radio yesterday that he thought she would go down well with the new Soviet leaders.

Other world leaders who will be travelling to Moscow for the funeral include Mr Wan Li, the Chinese vice-premier, President Ceausescu of Romania, Chancellor Sinowatz of Austria and Mr Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the Windsor Rugby Football Club, attends the Annual Post Minders' Dinner at the Clubhouse, Windsor Home Park, 7.30.

New exhibitions

Images in a studio by Bohuslav Barlow; Lancaster City Museum, Market Square, **Lancaster**; Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 10 to 5 (until March 10).

The Nude: drawings by British artists over the past 140 years; Usher Gallery, Lindum Road, **Lincoln**; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30, Sun 2.30 to 5 (until March 11).

Turbans, textiles, pots and painting; Walsall Museum and Art Gallery, Central Library, Lichfield Street, **Walsall**; Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 10 to 4.45 (until March 10).

Sculpture's Dance; City Museum and Art Gallery, Broad Street, Hanley, **Stoke-on Trent**; Mon to Sat 10.30 to 5, Wed to 8 (until March 10).

Photographs, pen and ink illustrations and paintings by Stuart Roy; Chelmsford and Essex Museum, Oaklands Park, Moulsham Street, **Chelmsford**; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (until March 25).

Wet paint: recent work; Festival gallery, 1 Pierrepont Place, **Bath**; Tues to Sat 11 to 5 (until March 3).

Action in sport: paintings and drawings by Simon Painter; Helios Pictures, 2 Salisbury Road, Moseley, **Birmingham**; Mon to Sat 9.30 to 6 (until March 7).

New London exhibitions

Works by Hans Haacke: Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.50, Sun 2 to 5.50 (until March 4).

Award-winning platinum jewelry; Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, SW7; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.50, Sun 2.30 to 5.50, closed Fri (until Feb 23).

Korean embroideries; Room 98, Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, SW7; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.50, Sun 2.30 to 5.50, closed Fri (until April 15).

Deborah Von Greyerz-Monroe, prints and works on paper; Pat Schaverien, prints; two exhibitions at the Woodlands Art Gallery, 90 Mycenae Road, Blackheath SE3; Mon to Fri 10 to 7.30, Sat 10 to 6, Sun 2 to 6, closed Weds (until March 6).

Talks, lectures

The local community as a resource for gifted pupils, by D. Grubb; headmaster of Gillott's School; the Findlay Society, Room B4: 4, Humanities II building, Manchester University; 6.

Music

Concert by the Amsterdam Loeki Stardust Quarter; The King's School, Ottery St Mary, Devon; 7.30.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,353

ACROSS

1 Durability of Trevithick's way (10).
6 Adman with a boat in Malaysia (4).
9 But his diploma does not give him poetic freedom (10).
10 Capital used for part of Antonio's loan (4).
12 "Not in Utopia - — fields" (Wordsworth) (12).
15 Capital cover near Sevastopol (9).
17 Device for closure of almost the last chapter (5).
18 Retreat of Scotsman, with company, to William's birthplace (5).
19 "Finish and check", might we hear, from one so described? (9).
20 Recollection about many in short section of play (12).
24 Fate in Scandinavia caused by lack of naval power? (4).
25 He-rodent, not heartless, but ill-disposed towards others (10).
26 Savings scheme rejected by this young hawk (4).
27 Enduring ten stripes, perhaps (10).

DOWN

1 A post in Gdynia, for example? (4).
2 Dives proved so productive (4).
3 A small quantity intended, we hear, for declaration (12).
4 High Priest, Old Testament writer (5).
5 Complaint of Mr. Mistoffelees on a boundary marker, say? (9).
7 Showing deference to many after training in relaxing surroundings (10).
8 A foot growth's the very devil for a cirriped! (5-5).
11 Caligula's one cooked like poultry (12).
13 Natural reaction to a vacancy (10).
14 Commonly a cooler reception after travelling herein (5.5).
16 Lying in wait for a public transport bounder in Maine (9).
21 The animals round the river are water-carriers (5).
22 Theologian sounds like one he told (4).
23 Children mounting this young ox (4).

The Solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No. 16,352 will appear next Saturday

CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 10

Nature notes

Wintering starlings still roost in vast flocks, either in oak or beech coverts or on city buildings; but many resident birds are already in their summer territories, exploring nest-holes. They are brilliant mimics: if one hears the unlikely call of a curlew or lapwing on a rooftop, it will soon be followed by the starling's characteristic chatterings and long, fading whistles.

Pairs of herons are back on their nests: they stand motionless side by side for long periods, or prod at the old sticks and try to rearrange them. Newly-formed pairs of robins sit quietly by each other in the bushes; crow pairs greet each other with bows and caws on high branches. The flocks of redwings that recently came south have begun a rambling, bubbling song in the treetops: the first parties will soon be setting out for Norway.

There are crimson flowers on the elm twigs. The first sweet violets are in bloom, standing on their slim stalks among a tuft of heart-shaped leaves. Primroses are opening on the railway embankments. On the dead stumps of trees, dry puffballs release a cloud of yellow spores at the lightest touch. DJM

Anniversaries

Births: **John Hunter**, surgeon and pioneer of pathology, Long Calderwood, Strathclyde, 1728; **Lord Randolph Churchill**, politician, Blenheim Palace, 1849.

Deaths: **Catherine Howard**, fifth wife of Henry VIII, executed, London, 1542; **Benevenuto Cellini**, sculptor and goldsmith, Florence, 1571; **Richard Wagner**, composer, Venice, 1883.

Accession of William III and Mary II, 1689. Massacre of the Macdonalds at Glencoe, 1692.

Best wines

In a blind tasting of 43 Corton wines, Corton 1979 by Tollot-Beaut & Fils was judged outstanding. It is sold at £13.85 by O. W. Loeb; Gerard Harris of Aston Clinton, Bucks; G. H. Gane of Winchester, Hants; and Thomas Baty, Liverpool. The runner-up was the same house's Corton-Bressandes 1979, £14.20, from the same suppliers.

Source: *Decanter*, February.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Private Member's Motion on organs for transplant. Nottinghamshire County Council Bill, report.

Lords (2.30): Telecommunications Bill, committee; Agricultural Holdings Bill, Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Bill, report. Tourism (Overseas Promotion) (Scotland) Bill, third reading.

Bond winners

Winning numbers in the weekly draw for £100,000, £50,000 and £25,000 Premium Bond Prizes announced on Saturday are: £100,000: 18TS 166599 (winner lives in London borough of Haringey); £50,000: 13RL 142496 (City of London); £25,000: 7YS 548445 (Merseyside).

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.59	1.51
Austria Sch	28.60	27.00
Belgium Fr	84.50	80.50
Canada $	1.83	1.76
Denmark Kr	14.68	13.98
Finland Mkk	8.65	8.25
France Fr	12.30	11.80
Germany DM	4.02	3.84
Greece Dr	162.00	152.00
Hongkong $	11.35	10.75
Ireland Pt	1.31	1.25
Italy Lira	2460.00	2360.00
Japan Yen	347.00	331.00
Netherlands Gld	4.57	4.34
Norway Kr	11.50	10.90
Portugal Esc	200.00	190.00
South Africa Rd	1.94	1.80
Spain Pta	227.00	218.00
Sweden Kr	11.95	11.35
Switzerland Fr	3.28	3.11
USA $	1.46	1.41
Yugoslavia Dnr	210.00	200.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 342.8

London: The *FT* Index closed up 4.1 at 805.4.

New York: The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 7.96 at 1160.70.

Roads

Midlands and East Anglia: A12: Roadworks at Bentley, between Ipswich and Colchester: two-way traffic shares one carriageway. A449: Roadworks near Powick, between Worcester and Malvern; traffic signals. A49: Temporary signals on Ludlow bypass.

Wales and West: A470: Subsidence repairs at Erwood, between Builth Wells and Brecon, Powys; temporary traffic signals. A361: Telephone work at Filleigh, between South Molton and Barnstaple, Devon: temporary traffic signals. A30: Improvement work at Widdon Down, Sticklepath, Lobhill and Lewdown, between Exeter and Launceston; temporary traffic signals.

North: A54: Drainage work at various locations between A49 and Winsford; temporary traffic lights. A6: Replacement of sewer at Kirkland, Kendal, Cumbria. A61: Removal of level crossing at Worsbrough, South Yorkshire; traffic lights.

Scotland: A987: Kerbing and resurfacing work between A907 junction and Cullaloe reservoir; single lane traffic with lights, delay at peak times. A702: Road widening two and a half miles south of Hillend (A703 junction); single lane traffic, with temporary traffic lights. A8: Excavation work at Corstorphine Road, Edinburgh, west of Balgreen Road; restrictions.

Information supplied by the AA

The papers

Zimbabwe's biggest-selling newspaper, the Harare **Sunday Mail**, commenting yesterday on the death of the Soviet President, Mr Andropov said: "It is to be hoped that President Reagan and his administration will not lose any opportunity to continue nuclear arms negotiations with whom ever emerges as the new leader of the Soviet Union."

The paper continued: "While the Soviet people have lost a great leader they have not lost their peaceful objectives. It is to be hoped that the many world leaders who will asemble in Moscow for the funeral will also take the opportunity to talk the language of peace."

Mrs Thatcher's impending visit to the Soviet Union to attend Mr Andropov's funeral dominated the Sunday papers, with two, the **Mail on Sunday** and the **News of the World** casting the Prime Minister as a breaker of the diplomatic ice. In both leading articles and news reports the papers sensed that Mrs Thatcher might be able to start a new process of dénte.

The **Washington Post**: yesterday called for President Reagan to decide against leaving the US Sixth Fleet off Lebanon.

The paper added: "There is the further question of what forces the United States in bombarding and to what political effect. The Muslim and Druze militias, which are the targets of American fire, represent communities whose legitimate political aspirations, though not their military means, have been broadly endorsed by the very administration firing at them now. With Syria, whose forces in Lebanon are also under American guns, the United States has a strong political conflict but not a cause for war. . ."

Weather forecast

A ridge of high pressure will persist over England and Wales as a trough of low pressure moves slowly E across Scotland and Northern Ireland.

6am to midnight

London, SE, central S, SW England, East Anglia, Midlands E, Channel Islands: Sunny periods, dry; wind E light or moderate; max temp 6 to 8C (43 to 46F), frost early and late.

E, NE England, Lake District: Rather cloudy, mainly dry; wind S, light or moderate; max temp 7 to 8C (45 to 46F).

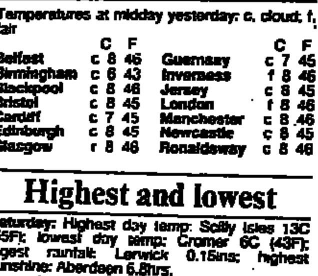
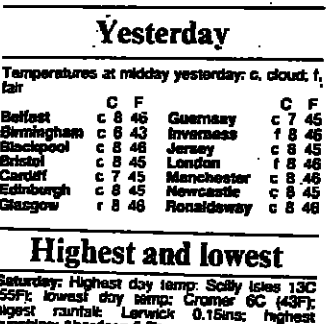
Midlands (W), Wales, NW, Central N England: Sunny periods, dry; wind S, light; max temp 6 to 7C (43 to 45F), frost early and late.

Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, central Highlands, Northern Ireland: Mostly cloudy, outbreaks of rain, dying out later; wind SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 8 to 9C (46 to 48F).

Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland: Rather cloudy at first, sunny intervals, isolated showers, wind SW, moderate; max temp 8 to 9C (46 to 48F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Mostly dry with bright or sunny periods; temperatures generally near normal, overnight frost and fog patches.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover: Wind SE, light; sea smooth. English Channel (E): Wind E, light or moderate; sea mainly smooth. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind mainly S, light or moderate; sea slight.

Sun rises: 7.20 am Sun sets: 5.11 pm
Moon rises: 12.29 pm Moon sets: 4.57 am
Full Moon: February 17.

Lighting-up time

London 5.41 pm to 6.48 am
Bristol 5.50 pm to 6.58 am
Edinburgh 5.41 pm to 7.12 am
Manchester 5.44 pm to 7.1 am
Penzance 6.5 pm to 7.8 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	8	46	Guernsey	c	7	45
Birmingham	c	6	43	Inverness	f	8	46
Blackpool	c	8	46	Jersey	c	8	45
Bristol	c	8	45	London	f	8	46
Cardiff	c	7	45	Manchester	c	8	46
Edinburgh	c	8	45	Newcastle	c	8	45
Glasgow	r	8	46	Ronaldsway	c	8	46

Highest and lowest

Saturday: Highest day temp: Scilly Isles 13C (55F); lowest day temp: Cromer 6C (43F); higest rainfall: Lerwick 0.15ins; highest sunshine: Aberdeen 6.8hrs.

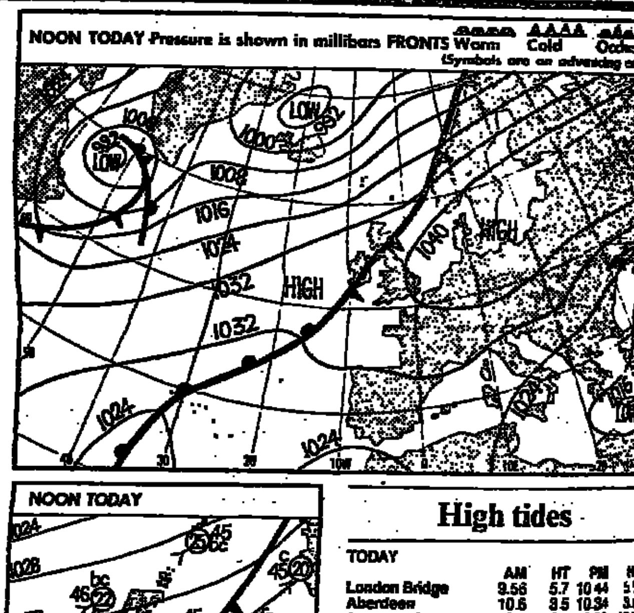
Yesterday: Highest day temp: Lossiemouth 10C (50F); lowest day max: Binbrook 6C (43F); highest rainfall: Eskdalemuir 0.06ins; highest sunshine: Littlehampton, Bognor Regis 6.4hrs.

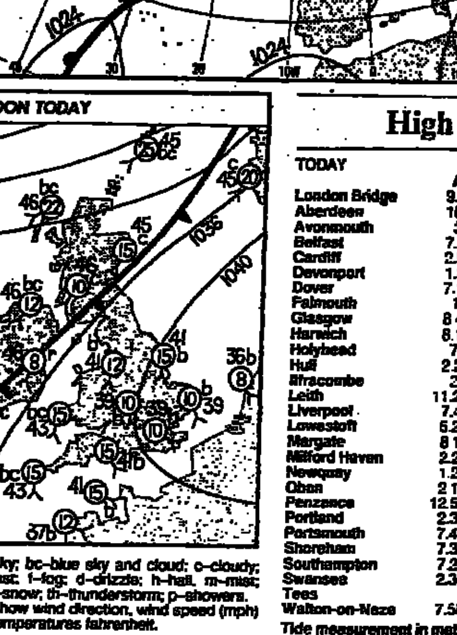
London

Saturday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 9C (48F). Humidity: 6 pm, 85 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, a trace. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1039.4 millibars steady.

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 8C (46F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 6C (43F). Humidity: 6 pm, 79 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 5.6hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1039.7 millibars rising
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

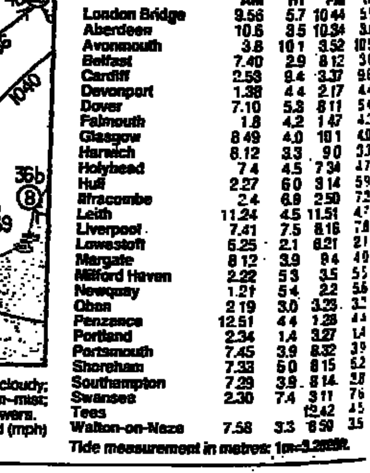
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b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures fahrenheit.

High tides

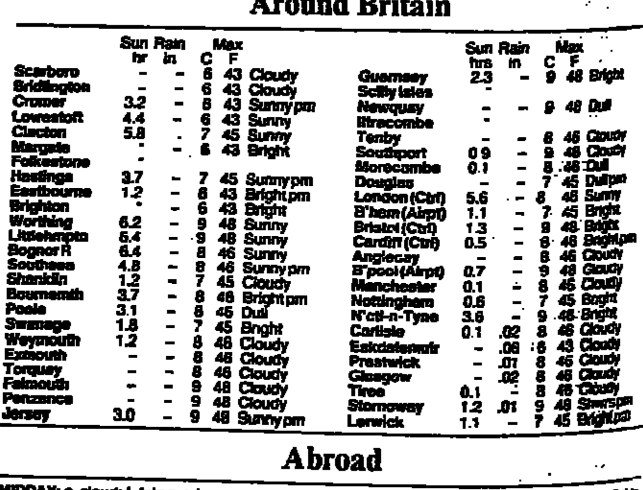


TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	9.56	5.7	10.44	5.9
Aberdeen	10.6	3.5	10.34	3.6
Avonmouth	3.8	10.1	3.52	10.5
Belfast	7.40	2.9	8.12	3.0
Cardiff	2.53	9.4	3.37	9.6
Devonport	1.38	4.4	2.17	4.4
Dover	7.10	5.3	8.11	5.4
Falmouth	1.8	4.2	1.47	4.2
Glasgow	8.49	4.0	10.1	4.0
Harwich	8.12	3.3	9.0	3.3
Holyhead	7.4	4.5	7.34	4.7
Hull	2.27	6.0	3.14	5.9
Ilfracombe	2.4	6.9	2.50	7.2
Leith	11.24	4.5	11.51	4.7
Liverpool	7.41	7.5	8.16	7.8
Lowestoft	6.25	2.1	6.21	2.1
Margate	8.12	3.9	9.4	4.0
Milford Haven	2.22	5.3	3.5	5.5
Newquay	1.21	5.4	2.2	5.6
Oban	2.19	3.0	3.23	3.2
Penzance	12.51	4.4	1.28	4.4
Portland	2.34	1.4	3.27	1.4
Portsmouth	7.45	3.9	8.32	3.9
Shoreham	7.33	6.0	8.15	5.2
Southampton	7.29	3.9	8.14	3.8
Swansea	2.30	7.4	3.11	7.6
Tees			12.42	4.5
Walton-on-Naze	7.58	3.3	8.50	3.5

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain



	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	-	-	6	43	Cloudy	Guernsey	2.3	-	9	48	Bright
Bridlington	-	-	6	43	Cloudy	Scilly Isles	-				
Cromer	3.2	-	6	43	Sunny pm	Newquay	-	-	9	48	Dull
Lowestoft	4.4	-	6	43	Sunny	Ilfracombe	-				
Clacton	5.8	.	7	45	Sunny	Tenby	-	-	8	46	Cloudy
Margate	.	-	6	43	Bright	Southport	0.9	-	9	48	Cloudy
Folkestone	.					Morecambe	0.1	-	8	46	Dull
Hastings	3.7	-	7	45	Sunny pm	Douglas	-	-	7	45	Dull pm
Eastbourne	1.2	-	6	43	Bright pm	London (Ctrl)	5.6	-	8	46	Sunny
Brighton	.	-	6	43	Bright	B'ham (Airpt)	1.1	-	7	45	Bright
Worthing	6.2	-	9	48	Sunny	Bristol (Ctrl)	1.3	-	9	48	Bright
Littlehmptn	6.4	-	9	48	Sunny	Cardiff (Ctrl)	0.5	-	8	46	Bright pm
Bognor R	6.4	-	8	46	Sunny	Anglesey	-	-	8	46	Cloudy
Southsea	4.8	-	8	46	Sunny pm	B'pool (Airpt)	0.7	-	9	48	Cloudy
Shanklin	1.2	-	7	45	Cloudy	Manchester	0.1	-	8	46	Cloudy
Bournemth	3.7	-	8	46	Bright pm	Nottingham	0.6	-	7	45	Bright
Poole	3.1	-	8	45	Dull	N'ctl-n-Tyne	3.6	-	9	48	Bright
Swanage	1.8	-	7	45	Bright	Carlisle	0.1	.02	8	46	Cloudy
Weymouth	1.2	-	8	46	Cloudy	Eskdalemuir	-	.06	6	43	Cloudy
Exmouth	-	-	8	46	Cloudy	Prestwick	-	.07	8	45	Cloudy
Torquay	-	-	8	46	Cloudy	Glasgow	-	.02	8	46	Cloudy
Falmouth	-	-	9	48	Cloudy	Tiree	0.1	-	8	46	Cloudy
Penzance	-	-	9	48	Cloudy	Stornoway	1.2	.01	9	48	Shwrs pm
Jersey	3.0	-	9	48	Sunny pm	Lerwick	1.1	-	7	45	Bright pm

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow. * denotes Friday's figures are latest available

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	12	54	Copenhgn	c	0	32	Majorca	f	14	57	Rio de Jan*	s	27	81
Akrotiri	c	14	57	Corfu	f	11	52	Malaga	s	15	59	Rome	s	10	50
Alexandria	s	16	61	Dallas*	f	18	64	Malta	f	9	48	Salzburg	s	-2	28
Algiers	c	12	54	Dublin	c	8	45	Melbourne	f	30	86	Sao Paulo*	f	29	82
Amsterdam	s	4	39	Dubrovnik	c	3	37	Mexico C*	f	15	59	S Francisco*	s	6	[illegible]
Athens	f	9	48	Faro*	s	16	61	Miami*	f	24	75	Santiago			
Bahrain	s	23	73	Florence	s	7	45	Milan	s	6	43	Seoul*	s	-1	30
Barbados*	c	28	82	Frankfurt	s	2	35	Montreal*	s	-13	9	Singapore*	f	29	84
Barcelona	f	10	50	Funchal	s	18	64	Moscow	s	-5	23	Stockholm	c	0	32
Beirut				Geneva	c	1	34	Munich	s	-5	23	Strasbourg	s	1	34
Belgrade	s	-2	28	Gibraltar*	c	18	61	Nairobi	s	28	82	Sydney	s	[illegible]	[illegible]
Berlin	s	3	37	Helsinki	c	0	32	Naples	f	8	46	Tangier	s	17	63
Bermuda*	c	18	64	Hongkong	f	18	64	New Delhi	s	19	56	Tel Aviv	f	18	64
Biarritz	c	7	45	Innsbruck	s	-4	25	New York				Tenerife	s	22	72
Boulogne	f	5	41	Istanbul	c	1	34	Nice	s	13	55	Tokyo*	s	5	41
Bordeaux	s	9	48	Jiddah*	c	28	82	Oslo	c	-1	30	Toronto	c	4	[illegible]
Brussels	s	4	39	Jo'burg	s	27	81	Ottawa				Tunis	c	10	50
Budapest	s	2	36	Karachi	s	25	77	Paris	s	6	43	Valencia	s	14	57
Buen Aires*				Las Palmas	s	24	75	Peking	s	4	39	Vancouver*	c	8	[illegible]
Cairo	s	18	64	Lisbon	s	12	54	Perth	s	27	81	Venice	s	6	43
Cape Tn	s	27	81	Locarno	s	7	45	Prague	s	-3	27	Vienna	s	8	[illegible]
C'blanca	s	17	63	L Angeles				Reykjavik	r	1	34	Warsaw	s	-2	[illegible]
Chicago*	r	3	37	Luxembg	s	1	34	Rhodes	f	13	55	Washington			
Cologne	s	3	37	Madrid	s	9	48	Riyadh	s	27	81	Zurich	s	-1	30